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Mystery men seize Jordan plane

POST Arab Affairs Correspondent

A Royal Jordanian Airlines (Alia) Caravelle jetliner last night returned to Amman after it was hijacked to Libya earlier in the day in a mysterious operation staged by gunmen claiming to belong to a Jordanian "free officers" movement.

The plane returned with all eight passengers and crew who were seized yesterday morning while on a domestic flight from Amman to Akaba.

The hijackers remained in Tripoli. The Iraqi news agency quoted Libyan leader Mu'ammer Gaddafi as saying that they have asked for a political asylum but did not say whether he was granting it.

Neither Jordan nor Libya made any mention of deals. Shortly after the arrival of the Jordanian airliner at Benghazi, Libya said that its Foreign Ministry has issued "instructions for the release of the plane and its passengers with the exception of the hijackers."

Amman radio said that there were two hijackers, but their identity was not disclosed. But Amman Airport officials said one of the hijackers was a Jordanian sky marshal.

The hijackers ordered the plane to fly from Amman towards Beirut, where they were refused permission to land. They then flew on to Libya.

At Ben-Gurion Airport, an alert was declared after news of the hijack, but this was cancelled when the hijackers headed for Libya.



U.S. President Ford puffs at his pipe as he watches election returns in the Roosevelt Room of the White House on Tuesday night. With him is Roy Ash, head of the Office of Management and Budget. (AP radiophoto)

Wide support for Israel in new U.S. Congress

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — At a time when Israel's foreign aid requests from the US are greater than ever, it now appears nearly certain that the new Congress — which was elected on Tuesday and will convene in January — will continue to overwhelmingly support U.S. aid to Israel.

The impressive Democratic victories in the House of Representatives and the more modest Democratic successes in the Senate indicate that expanded U.S. foreign aid packages for Israel will have an excellent chance of being approved next year.

The strong Democratic majorities in the next Congress indicate that if Republican President Ford and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger should adopt an anti-Israel policy, Congress would no doubt vigorously rally to Israel's support.

The lame-duck session of Congress, which will meet next week, will probably attempt to pass the still-pending foreign aid bill for the current fiscal year. Under this package, Israel's supporters in Congress are asking that $250m. in economic grants, $100m. in military grants and $200m. in military credit sales (low interest loans) be provided to Israel.

The new Congress will not include some long time anti-Israel senators — the most notable being Sen. J.W. Fulbright (Ark.), chairman of the powerful Foreign Relations Committee.

None of Israel's strong friends in the Senate lost on Tuesday. Jewish Senators Jacob Javits (R-N.Y.) and Abraham Ribicoff (D-Conn.) were re-elected, and another Jew, Richard Stone (D-Fla.), also won his race. Jewish Sen. Howard Metzenbaum (D-Ohio) had been defeated earlier this year in the Democratic primary by astronaut John Glenn, who won the general election on Tuesday. The number of Jews in the House rose from 12 to 18, based on incomplete returns.

Some of the most antagonistic anti-Israel spokesman in the House — like H.R. Gross (R-Iowa) and John Rarick (D-La.) — will not return to Washington in the next Congress.

With virtually all votes counted, Democrats had captured 48 extra House seats for a total of 291, a clear two-thirds majority. They had also picked up three Senate seats, for a total of 61. They had scored a net gain of four governorships, including the biggest states of New York and California, for a new total of 36.

(Stories based on earlier results — p.5)

Yariv pessimistic on West Bank talks

By DAVID LANDAU
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INFORMATION MINISTER Aharon Yariv said yesterday that he saw little hope of negotiations over the West Bank in the foreseeable future. Any hope that did exist lay in the longer term, when the current post-Rabat pro-PLO "euphoria" in the Arab world had subsided, Mr. Yariv said.

When the euphoric had died away, King Hussein himself might make a come-back, reclaiming his right to a role on the West Bank. And, once the flush of the recent PLO successes had faded, other, non-PLO elements might emerge among the Palestinians. But in the coming months, following the PLO's successes at Rabat and at the UN, it would be difficult for Israel to find or foster an alternative leadership among the Palestinians.

Mr. Yariv spoke at a press conference for foreign newsmen in Jerusalem.

He said that the immediate hope of progress toward peace lay in a second-stage negotiation with Egypt. "By Thursday night or Friday morning we shall be wiser as to the chances of such a negotiation," he said. U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger is due in Israel tonight after a trip through Cairo, Riyadh, Amman and Damascus during which we will have gauged the mood and intent of the various Arab leaders following the Rabat Summit.

"We want political *engagement*, not another military disengagement," Mr. Yariv said, elaborating on Israel's ideas for a second-stage settlement with Egypt.

He recalled Premier Rabin's references in the Knesset on Tuesday to political and economic aspects of a future accord with Egypt, which Israel would demand alongside a cessation of belligerency designed to last for years rather than months.

In the economic sphere, an accord might provide for the free movement of Israeli ships and cargoes through the Suez Canal, and for the direct crossing by foreign tourists from Israel to Egypt and vice-versa, Mr. Yariv suggested.

He warned that the total absence of political progress in the Middle East would inevitably draw the region closer to war.

The minister explained at length Israel's steadfast rejection of the PLO and continued refusal to negotiate with it. Israel's contention that "the PLO is predicated upon the disappearance of Israel" was becoming hackneyed, said Mr. Yariv, but it remained as true as ever.

Differences between the "moder-

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SECRETARY DUE HERE TONIGHT

Sadat hails K's effort but fails to clarify stand on next moves

By ANAN SAFADI
POST Arab Affairs Correspondent

U.S. SECRETARY of State Henry Kissinger is due to arrive in Jerusalem tonight after a three-day Middle East whirlwind tour which appeared to have dispelled the gloom but not the threat posed by last week's Rabat Arab summit to his peace efforts in the region.

The Secretary yesterday left for Saudi Arabia after an overnight stay in Cairo, for talks with King Faisal. Later he flew to Jordan for negotiations with King Hussein. He is scheduled to leave Amman this morning for Damascus for talks with Syrian President Hafez Assad before coming to Israel.

Kissinger left Cairo yesterday bolstered by a statement of strong support by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, who declared that he has "the fullest confidence in Dr. Kissinger."

Following two rounds of talks with Kissinger in a period of about 12 hours between Tuesday night and yesterday morning, Sadat said that the Secretary's peace mission had not been obstructed by last week's Rabat summit hardline resolutions which barred separate settlements between Israel and its neighbouring states while proclaiming the Palestine Liberation Organization as an official partner in taking over from Jordan on the West Bank issue.

The summit's stand conflicted with Kissinger's strategy of promoting bilateral arrangements between Israel and the neighbouring countries while bypassing the Palestinian issue in the immediate stages.

"We support his (Kissinger's) continuing efforts toward achieving a lasting and just peace," Sadat said in contrast to the expectations following the Rabat summit.

"The efforts of Dr. Kissinger are needed much more than ever before," the Egyptian leader said, stressing, "I have the fullest confidence in him."

It was not clear if Sadat was indicating that he was now prepared to negotiate with Israel on a further partial settlement in Sinai. Sadat's main concern as well as that of Dr. Kissinger appeared to be the circumstances in which such negotiations could be promoted.

American officials yesterday said that in making such a move Sadat might appear to be striking a separate deal, thus defying the Arab summit which resolved that any future settlements must also involve the Syrian and the Jordanian fronts.

The officials said that Sadat would have to manoeuvre carefully between Syria and the PLO as well as the Soviet Union which has been pressing for termination of Kissinger's sole diplomacy by resuming the Geneva Middle East conference at an early date.

Kissinger himself said yesterday that he thinks "the Geneva conference can resume whenever all the parties believe it can make a useful contribution."

The Secretary has so far declined to disclose the course of his negotiations with Sadat. Before leaving Cairo yesterday he reminded newsmen at the airport that the day marked the first anniversary of his first visit to Egypt — when he flew in carrying the blueprint for a troop separation between Egyptian and Israeli forces.

"Many things have changed since then. I hope by this time next year many more things will have changed," he said.

Kissinger earlier said that he was hoping to "make a breakthrough" during his current swing, but he cautioned that "the situation was complicated."

Two questions must be asked concerning Kissinger's mission in Jordan and Syria today before flying into Israel: whether King Hussein could still stand up against endorsement of the PLO's claim to the West Bank and thus contribute toward a settlement with Israel; and whether Syrian President Hafez Assad would agree to extend the mandate of the UN peacekeeping force on the Golan at the end of this month to help promote a Middle East political settlement.

The answers to both questions would clarify the prospects of Kissinger's continued efforts aimed at promoting his step-by-step approach and thus evade the PLO issue, which in turn would be confined to a political struggle at the UN.

Meanwhile, PLO chief Yasser Arafat last night flew into Damascus ahead of Kissinger after having been in Cairo during the Secretary's stay there.

Commenting on speculation stemming from press reports about the PLO chief's presence in Cairo during the Secretary's visit there, State Department spokesman Robert Anderson yesterday said that "Kissinger won't meet Arafat."



President Sadat and Secretary of State Kissinger answer newsmen's questions after their meeting in Cairo yesterday. (AP radiophoto)

U.S. makes new statement on 'interests of Palestinians'

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Israeli officials in Washington have asked the State Department to clarify an ambiguous White House statement yesterday, asserting that the U.S. "recognizes that full consideration must be given to the legitimate interests of the Palestinian people if there is to be a just and durable settlement in the Middle East."

White House spokesman Ron Nessen told newsmen that America's "only objective has been how to best proceed in order to reach this objective, given the positions of those involved in the negotiations. The United States will continue to seek the answer and to use our best efforts to assist the parties to get negotiations started."

The statement was made in reply to a request that the White House clarify President Ford's recent remark that Israel should negotiate with either Jordan "or the PLO." Nessen said that the President still stands by that statement, although informed American officials insist that it was a slip of the tongue.

Later yesterday, the Israel Embassy spokesmen told newsmen that U.S. officials have informed Minister Mordechai Shalev that the White House spokesman's statement does not represent any change in American policy in the Middle East.

Spokesman Avi Pazner said Mr. Shalev asked for clarification of Mr. Nessen's statement and was told that the U.S. has neither in the past nor today asked Israel to negotiate with the PLO.

Several press reports have charged that the Administration is being deliberately evasive about its policy toward the PLO, and is preparing for a change in its policy, which would recognize the terrorist organization.

Siege in Argentina declared

BUENOS AIRES (AP). — The Argentine government declared a state of siege yesterday, only 17 months after an elected government resumed power following seven years of military rule.

Interior Minister Alberto Rocamora said the drastic step was necessary because the wave of violence had reached schoolchildren, striking at the heart of Argentine families.

Under the state of siege, which went into effect immediately, all constitutional guarantees are suspended. Public meetings are banned. Police or other security forces can make arrests without court orders. The right of habeus corpus is no longer in force.

President Isabel Peron, the widow of President Juan Peron, signed the decree only 129 days after her husband's death on July 1. She could keep state of siege powers until Congress is regularly convened on May 1, 1975.

Yesterday, thousands of parents kept their children home from school because of alleged anonymous threats warning that schoolchildren and teachers would be killed and classrooms bombed.

UN men ired at Israeli report

By YORAM HAMIZRAHI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

GOLAN HEIGHTS. — UN officers serving in the Golan expressed anger yesterday at an Israel Radio report that there had been fighting between the UN men and Syrian officers and soldiers in the demilitarized area.

The UN personnel said the Syrian authorities had complained to UN headquarters in Damascus about the report.

A UN officer serving on the Golan Heights who passed through the checkpoint at Camp Bolivar, said there had been tension and quarrels between the Syrian troops and the UN men, but no blows. He also said that misunderstandings, mainly about UN counts of guns and tanks, had occurred on both sides of the border.

'Limits' to diaspora Jews in Israel affairs – Rabin

By SRAYA SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin wants "to explore new dimensions in the relations between Israel and the Jewish people in the diaspora," but he sees "limits" to the amount of intervention by Jews outside Israel in the current affairs of the state.

Speaking to members of the Israel Executive of the World Jewish Congress, which met yesterday under the chairmanship of Yitzhak Korn at Beit Sokolow, Premier Rabin said the support of Jews "cannot be qualified by the sort of government which enjoys the Knesset majority at the moment. The Jewish people stand by Israel because it is Israel."

With regard to the influence of internal unity in Israel on the solidarity of Jews abroad, he contended that "there are different kinds of unity." For instance, he stated, "There could have been a united stand in the Knesset on new settlement, but there was none because the major opposition party refused to vote that settlement must be conducted according to government directions. If we cannot achieve unity on this, on what sort of unity can we?"

He stated that while the problems of Israel were of physical and economic survival in the free world, particularly in the U.S. the main problem was for Jews to maintain their Jewishness in the face of decreasing religious ties and influence of left-wing internationalism.

'Monk smuggled two pistols to Dutch convicts'

THE HAGUE (AP). — A 45-year-old Benedictine monk suspected of smuggling two pistols to the convicts who staged last week's Scheveningen prison siege has been arrested, a police spokesman said Wednesday.

The spokesman said the monk is thought by police to have delivered the weapons to one of the two Dutchmen who joined with a Palestinian hijacker and an Algerian in taking 22 people hostage during a Roman Catholic mass in the prison chapel on October 26.

The monk had been permitted to visit inmates in their cells from time to time prior to the siege, the spokesman said.

The man, arrested late Tuesday, was questioned by police yesterday and had denied police allegations, the spokesman said. He declined further comment on the investigation.

Fifa wants Israel in Asian soccer

ROME (UPI). — The International Football Federation (Fifa) will ask the Asian Federation to reconsider its decision to bar Israel, said Fifa President Joao Havelange here yesterday.

Speaking at a press conference during the current meeting of the Fifa executive Havelange said, "We will tell the Asian Federation to respect the Fifa statutes."

Israel Radio reported last night that local Football Association head Menahem Heller welcomed the Fifa statement, but he doubted that it would have any practical influence on the Asian Federation.

West Bank now more sober

POST Arab Affairs Correspondent

THE POLITICAL ferment which erupted last week in the West Bank in response to the Rabat summit's declaration of the Palestine Liberation Organization as guardian of the administered territories has largely died down in the past two days, a high-ranking official said last night.

He said this could be attributed to two main factors: the realization by a considerable sector of the population that the summit's acknowledgment of the PLO could constitute an obstacle to political options concerning the future of local Arabs; and the deterrent measures adopted by the authorities against active supporters of the PLO.

The official said that life in the West Bank was normal. He added that West Bank mayors and a number of notables were urged to cooperate in maintaining normal life in their districts as the authorities moved to contain incitement by extremist elements.

He noted that the authorities had no need to adopt extraordinary security measures beyond Monday's deportation of four members of the Communist-sponsored Palestinian National Front which recruited support for the PLO.

A number of other persons were interrogated, but "there had been no massive arrests," the official emphasized. He said that a total of about 1,000 West Bank residents, were now in prison or in custody, including 30 administrative detainees for subversive activities in Judea and Samaria.

While stating that the Rabat summit's endorsement of the PLO had failed to mar normal life, the official said that there was now a good deal of "political expression" in the West Bank in reaction to current events in the region.

He noted that there seemed to be considerable concern in the West Bank over possible future moves which Jordan's King Hussein may take within the context of his decision to renounce his political responsibilities towards the inhabitants of Judea and Samaria. Local Arabs were said to be wondering whether Hussein would also renounce his economic and administrative aid — the Jordanian monarch had "invested" about 3m. Jordanian dinars in the West Bank in financial aid to municipalities and salaries.

Hussein has now summoned both the Jordanian Senate and the House of Representatives to an extraordinary session on Saturday to amend the Jordanian constitution's clauses dealing with legislative links with the West Bank. Amman newspapers yesterday said that Hussein's move was believed to be aimed at dissolving the 30-man Senate and the 60-member House of Representatives, where half the members represent the West Bank.

Official circles in the West Bank said that Hussein's measures would have no affect on the military administration in Judea and Samaria which employs 9,700 local Arabs and 930 Israeli. But they added that the authorities were examining the implications of the King's measures on other aspects of life in the West Bank, especially in the civil and legal spheres.

Cabinet to discuss economic problems

By DAVID KRIVINE,
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

THE CABINET will discuss Israel's economic problems today. But Treasury sources are hinting at the possibility that no decisions will be reached because deliberations may be cut short owing to Kissinger's arrival.

They also emphasize that the item up for discussion on today's agenda is Budget cuts. The implication is that the need to save foreign currency by raising the price of consumer goods is not of the first urgency, and can wait (if necessary) till the Cabinet's regular weekly meeting on Sunday.

Altogether, Treasury spokesmen are giving a low profile to the economic crisis. They emphasize that the Government's undertaking to keep the price of the 14 essential commodities (including sugar) unchanged till the end of the year makes it necessary to consult with the Histadrut first. A statement on Tuesday by Uriel Abrahamovicz, head of the Histadrut's Trade Union Department, that the price of these commodities should remain unchanged, suggests that the consultations are not advanced.

In the absence of any decisions by the Treasury, rumours have caused panic buying in the shops. A would-be traveller confided to this correspondent that he was confused. Earlier this week several newspapers had announced that the foreign travel allowance would be cut, yesterday they said it would not.

A Knesset member from the Alignment commented to *The Jerusalem Post* on Monday that the Government should have made up its mind about new taxes and prices a week ago, to avoid this spate of buying-ahead-of-time and hoarding.

Meanwhile, the need to reduce Budget expenditure is proving a difficult exercise, a Treasury official admitted yesterday. A first round of cuts was made last July, "so there is not much fat left to be trimmed," he pointed out. Michael Hazani, newly returned to his Social Welfare portfolio, declared yesterday over the radio that he wants more money, not less, for his Ministry.

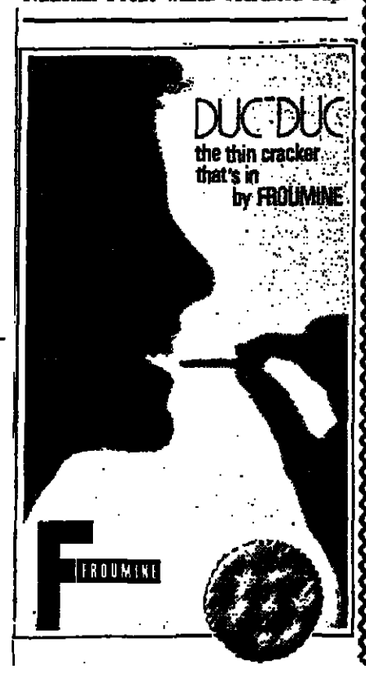
The trend in Treasury thinking is to take a new look at the Government's propensity to dispense largesse — as exemplified in the sale of sugar for IL2 a kilo, when it costs more than twice as much to import.

Another example concerns university fees. The Minister of Education has agreed to meet the students half-way by increasing the charge to IL2,500 a year, instead of the proposed IL3,000. The students' demand for a fee of only IL1,950 (instead of IL2,500) would cost the taxpayer IL25m., an official told *The Post* yesterday.

In the circumstances it would be better, he said, to charge the full price for sugar and compensate low-income groups, and to charge IL3,000 for study fees and add a large sum to the bursary fund for needy students. "The pressures we are now facing in planning State expenditure may create a turning-point in all our thinking about the Government's social responsibilities," he predicted.

Official sources no longer deny that fuel prices are likely to go up. They do deny still that there will be a devaluation. On Tuesday, the Treasury's Economic Adviser, Ephraim Dovrat, stated publicly that the authorities plan to make imports more expensive and exports more profitable — suggesting a mini-devaluation (through tariffs and export premiums) limited to Israel's visible trade.





The Weizmann Centenary: A tribute by Meyer Weisgal, and recollections by Lea Ben Dor and Moshe Dayan.

The economic crisis: Four experts tell David Krivine what they think must be done if Israel is to ride out the storm.

The fortress city: Abraham Rabinovich looks at the Housing Ministry's plan for completing the ring of Jewish settlement around Jerusalem.

Friedrich Duerrenmatt: Mendel Kohansky writes about the Swiss playwright's visit.

The Burston Graphic Centre: Alex Berlyne describes the new Israeli printing venture.

The Bund: a new study reviewed by Lloyd P. Gartner.

Another kind of tension: Philip Gillon recommends a bunch of thrillers.

In Tomorrow's

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy with slight rise in temperatures.

Weather synopsis: A high extends from Turkey to the eastern Mediterranean.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Min-Max
Jerusalem	60	14—21	14—24
Nahariya	54	12—25	15—27
Safad	37	13—31	13—33
Haifa Port	56	18—24	18—26
Tiberias	54	15—27	15—29
Nazareth	50	15—23	15—24
Afula	48	11—26	12—27
Shomron	52	15—22	15—24
Tel Aviv	61	16—24	17—26
B-G Airport	54	13—25	14—27
Jericho	37	14—30	15—31
Gaza	63	15—25	16—26
Eilat	32	18—29	19—30
Beersheba	51	11—24	12—26
Tiran Straits	35	20—30	21—32

Social and Personal

Canadian Health Minister Marc Lalonde, now visiting the country, yesterday called on Premier Yitzhak Rabin.

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Rumanian Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen yesterday called on Minister for Religious Affairs Yitzhak Raphael.

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Eight Soviet immigrant chess champions, including grandmaster Ella Kushnir, visited the Knesset yesterday at the invitation of deputy Alignment Whip Aviad Yaffe. They also met with Absorption Minister Shlomo Rosen, Avraham Katz, chairman of the sub-committee on sport, and Opposition leader Menahem Begin.

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A delegation of 16 senior welfare officials from Germany yesterday called on Haifa Mayor Yosef Almogi.

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Benyamin Zedaka will speak on "Samaritan Development" at today's Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary meeting, 1.15 p.m. at ZOA House.

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The European Common Market delegation visiting Israel were this week the guests of the presidium of the Manufacturers Association.

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The 250 members of women's Canadian Ort, now meeting in Israel, yesterday dedicated the building of instrumental and environmental technology engineering at the Ort engineering school of the Hebrew University, in memory of their late president, Lou Harris. Speakers were university president Avraham Harman, Supreme Court Justice Moshe Etzioni and Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek. Last night the group held a festive banquet at the Plaza Hotel in Tel Aviv with Labour Minister Moshe Baram, Canadian Ambassador T. Paul Malone, Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat and Women's Canadian Ort president Ruth Druxerman, as speakers.

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Weizmann Institute president Israel Dostrovsky yesterday held a dinner to mark the 70th birthday of Dr. Josef Cohn, executive vice-president of the European Committee for the Weizmann Institute.

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HOFFMAN-WEIS. — The marriage took placed at the Hebrew University Synagogue, Jerusalem, yesterday of Anat, daughter of Varda and Charles Weiss, and Michael, son of Mildred and Arthur Hoffman.

S. African UJA pledges up 50%

Jewish Agency Chairman Pinhas Sapir, after meeting with UJA supporters in South Africa last week, announced that their pledges have increased by an average of 50 per cent over last year, and some by up to 300 per cent.

Several South Africans are "adopting" immigrant families in Israel by contributing the cost of their absorption (about $60,000 for each family).

Sapir is now meeting with UJA leaders in New York and will return to Israel in December.

Kennedy to visit B'sheba this month

BEERSHEBA. — Senator Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts will come here in two weeks' time for the dedication of Ben-Gurion University's new Health Studies Centre and Medical School. The Medical school, which will turn out family doctors, is beginning with a first class of 34.

The day after its formal dedication there will be a symposium on health education attended by former Health Ministry director-general Baruch Padeh and other medical men and academics. *(Itim)*

Eilat opposition calls for new municipal elections

By SHIELA MELTZER

EILAT. — The opposition in the Municipal Council here last night announced they are demanding the immediate resignation of the city executive, headed by Mayor Gad Katz, and are calling for new elections.

The Likud opposition group decided this at a meeting here following an Interior Ministry statement that the town has a deficit of IL6m. as a result of its loans from financier Avner Tomer and that Mayor Katz and his predecessor Asher Azar would both be brought to trial for their part in the transaction.

Opposition leader Shmuel Meltzer said "a government appointed committee places the responsibility of the Tomer affair on all the city councillers whereas the blame must fall squarely on those who signed promisory notes and entered into transactions without informing the council of their actions."

Meanwhile, attorney Avraham Shulevitz, the court-appointed receiver of the Queen of Sheba Hotel owned by Mr. Tomer, reacted calmly to a walkout by the hotel's senior staff. Mr. Shulevitz said he had brought an experienced hotelier with him from Tel Aviv and if need be others could be brought in.

The workers, who included seven of the hotel's department heads, told a press conference last night they had full faith in Mr. Tomer and were risking their loss of severance pay by "taking a holiday."

In another development, 600 of the municipal employees met yesterday to demonstrate their support for Mayor Katz.

In Jerusalem, Interior Minister Yosef Burg yesterday told the Knesset Finance Committee that Eilat is expected to lose IL6m. on its loan deals with Tomer.

A communique issued by the committee quoted Dr. Burg as saying the Eilat affair might be "the tip of the iceberg." There was no elaboration.

Dr. Burg said Eilat took part of the loans from Tomer without the Council approval required by law.

The possibility of dissolving the Eilat Municipal Council would be examined, according to the director general of the Interior Committee, Haim Kubersky.

Aharon Efrat (Mapam) said Eilat was a warning signal, adding that such cities as Netanya and Tel Aviv owed millions of pounds to private companies.

Each day without rain drains water supply

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Farmers and Israel's water distributing company, Mekorot, are concerned over the delay in the winter rainfalls.

"Each rainless day is now an absolute loss to the country's water company," Mekorot spokesman Mordechai Ya'acobovitz said yesterday. He pointed out that the entire rainy season consists of only 40-60 days and that only one-third of the total precipitation yield is useful to the country's water economy and agriculture. (The other two-thirds are accounted for by run-off or lost by other natural phenomena, too costly to warrant recovery).

This year's situation is already "serious," Mr. Ya'acobovitz said, although he admitted that last year's rainy season was similarly delayed but had, nonetheless, resulted in a total moisture exceeding normal rainy years.

Meanwhile, farmers will have to economize, along with all the other water consumers, he said.

The Mekorot spokesman's fears are premature, according to some weather experts. One "school of thought" suggests that the delay in the winter rains is, traditionally as well as statistically proven, a harbinger of a rainy winter. Statistics are quoted showing that heavy rains rarely occur before the middle of November and that continuous heavy rains are due in the first weeks of December.

Retarded winters are also considered beneficial by cereal crop farmers in the South, who need consecutive rainy months to ensure a good crop from their unirrigated winter fields.

Liberals seek to speed direct election of Mayors

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Liberal Party (Likud) yesterday moved the country a step nearer direct mayoral elections, when its Central Committee empowered Liberal MKs to work towards a compromise with the Labour Party's bill on the subject.

Progress on the legislation has been held up by a dispute between Labour and Liberals — the two parties most committed to the change — over the way to run a second round, should one candidate not win a clear majority in the first round.

The Liberals have so far insisted on having the second round a vote by the entire electorate, deciding between the two strongest first-run candidates. Labour prefers letting the newly-elected City Council vote on the first-round men and letting a man be Mayor with as little as 40 per cent of the votes if that is the largest plurality.

Yesterday's Liberal Party decision conditioned any compromise on the plurality-versus-majority question on having the second round conducted by the electorate and not by City Councillors.

Knesset Interior Committee chairman Yosef Tamir told the Liberal Central Committee that the reform measure must be expedited due to public unrest on this score. The local electorates were tired of weak Mayors and lacked faith in the parties, he said.

The Liberals' decision was welcomed yesterday by Mordechai Ben-Porat MK, author of Labour's Local Electoral Reform bill. He told *The Jerusalem Post* his party's Municipal Affairs Department will now have to reconsider its bill. This, however, depended on completion of the bill's first reading in the Knesset, which in turn hinged on Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu having it included in the Knesset's legislative timetable. The bill has not so far been tabled.

Egged driver jailed in pedestrian's death

TEL AVIV. — An Egged bus driver was yesterday sent to jail for six months and deprived of his licence for five years for negligent driving in the death of an aged woman pedestrian.

Gedalia Polonsky, 54, had been behind the wheel of a number 27 bus which last June hit and killed a 70-year-old pedestrian as she was crossing the road. Polonsky, who lives in Rehovot, told the Magistrates' Court here that he had a 35-year record of careful driving and claimed the woman's negligence had contributed to the tragedy. But Judge Arye Evenari decided to send him to jail, adding a IL1,500 fine. *(Itim)*

Kiryat Shmona's chief rabbis take up arms

By YORAM HAMIZRAHI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIRYAT SHMONA. — Civil Guard volunteers here have begun arms training, with the town's two chief rabbis, Zefania Drori and Yitzhak Ohana, joining in arms practice at a firing range near town yesterday.

Rabbi Ohana, the Sephardi chief rabbi who is over 70, exchanged his ceremonial rabbinical hat for a steel helmet. Both rabbis hit the target.

Rabbi Ohana said that despite his age and position he decided to join the exercises to set an example for the town's citizens and public officials throughout the country. He said religious people must take up arms to defend the state.

Rabbi Drori said the fact that there are now arms in the town and that citizens are defending themselves has lifted the state of fear formerly prevailing.

'Social goals don't conflict with security'

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Minister of Police Shlomo Hillel said yesterday that despite the security situation and "even because of it" the country must continue to make every conceivable effort to bridge the socio-economic gap between different segments of the population.

Addressing a Wizo seminar here, Hillel recalled that several years ago the country was gripped by the debate of whether it can afford "to hoist two flags at one time — the defence flag and the social improvement flag. I maintain that these are not even two separate flags. Closing the social gap should be viewed as the very mast upon which any other flag can be hoisted," he argued.

Hillel went on to say that unless something meaningful is done to bridge the gap, "the country will go on as it is now, using only half of its potential. At present nearly only half the population — the one of European-American origins — can provide leadership, can produce pilots and tank commanders. We can't afford such waste especially if we remember that the total population is very small."



The Chief of Staff, R/A Mordechai Gur, briefs members of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee on the army exercise in Sinai which ended yesterday.

Gur says Israel tankists widen gap with enemy

Chief of Staff Mordechai Gur said yesterday the gap in the abilities between Israeli tank crews and their Egyptian and Syrian counterparts was growing.

Speaking at the close of a tank commander course, somewhere in Sinai, Rav-Aluf Gur said that following the Six Day War the two armies had tried to reach Israel's standards of improvisation, manoeuvring, battlefield map-reading and determination.

The Chief of Staff said, "If there is a need we will enter the conflict with full spirit, strength, identification and sense of mission."

Rav-Aluf Gur also observed army exercises encompassing armoured corps and infantry units, with air force support. The exercise, which ended yesterday, included various forms of combat.

In one part which began at night, infantry troops cleared a field of mines, with the help from the engineering corps. This opened the way for an advance by tanks accompanied by artillery.

Rav-Aluf Gur expressed satisfaction with the exercise, part of which was viewed by the Knesset Defence and Foreign Affairs Committee.

Finances may keep ILTA off courts in Hongkong

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Lawn Tennis Association (ILTA) is considering withdrawing Israel's entry to the third Asian amateur tennis championships because of insufficient financial support from the Foreign Ministry and the Government Sports Authority.

The meet, set for November 19, was moved by its Asian sponsors to Hongkong after the Israeli association bitterly protested not being invited to the original location, Jakarta. The Indonesian association said its government refused to issue entry visas to Israeli sportsmen, the same claim that Malaysia used in declining the contest.

The Foreign Ministry and the Sports Authority promised full participation in the cost of the team's trip. Nevertheless, at Monday night's meeting of the association executive, it was learned that only limited financial help was forthcoming from these bodies.

"The ILTA feels that if the Government really wants Israel to be represented at the championships, then we are surely entitled to expect it to pay the heavy expenses involved," association general-secretary Michael Kamon said. "Unless we get the cost of the air fares for the two or three players in the team, we will probably have to withdraw Israel's entry, though with the greatest reluctance under the circumstances."

Public ready to tighten belts if gov't leads

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The latest Dahaf opinion poll indicates a readiness by the public to lower its living standards on condition that the Government and its ministers set the tone.

The question "in view of the economic difficulties facing Israel, are you personally ready to reduce your living standard?" produced the replies: "Yes — 67 per cent; No — 22.3 per cent, and Undecided — 10.4 per cent.

A second question was: "Will you support a government decision to impose stiff economic measures which would make imports much more expensive?". The reply was: Yes — 77.4 per cent; No — 14 per cent, and 8.6 per cent Undecided.

The poHsters reported that the affirmative majority conditioned their position on government readiness to take the lead in cutting its expenditure and a personal example from the country's leaders.

The poll was conducted among a test group of 500 residents of the four main cities.

RAMAT GAN HOOPSTERS BEAT VIENNA

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Ramat Gan Maccabi basketballers last night defeated Soma-Vienna of Austria 113:80, to gain a valuable 33-point lead in the first leg of their first round European cupwinners tournament at the Yad Eliahu Sports Palace.

At halftime the Israeli squad led 53:41. In the second period the Ramat Gan five, led by Larry Gordon and Larry Cheetham, were too fast for the Austrian and built up a commanding lead.

Top scorers were Gordon 38 and Kornblitt 26. For Vienna, top scorers were Greisdrucker 15, Graenner 14, Morrison 13, and Meissinger 12. The return match will be played in Vienna next week.

Zarmi dissociates from Etgar call

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Labour Party Secretary-General Meir Zarmi yesterday publicly rebuked Herzliya Mayor Yosef Nevo, head of the party's Etgar ideological circle, for having implied in a letter to Premier Yitzhak Rabin that Zarmi supported Etgar's call to bring the Likud into the government.

Zarmi did so in a letter to Nevo, copies of which were released to the press last night. The party Secretary-General regretted that Nevo had not make it clear that Zarmi attended the Etgar meeting solely as a guest speaker and was not party to their appeal for a national coalition.

1,527 NEW BUSES with cleaner, less-polluting diesel engines have been ordered by the country's bus cooperatives, with Transport Ministry assistance.

Deficit dancing requires two companies to merge

By DORA SOWDEN
Dance News Reporter

The Batsheva and Bat-Dor dance companies, whose proposed merger was announced a few days ago, have an estimated budget of IL5m. for 1974-75 — but there is a deficit.

Batsheva de Rothschild, founder of the two companies, who has been meeting the major share of the costs, would now have to contribute IL3m., with costs still rising. It has therefore become necessary to reduce expenditures and find increased public sources of income.

By creating one large company instead of maintaining two, there could be an estimated saving of IL1.5m. Even then the company will have to seek support from governmental and other public funds. A tighter organization will be required, probably under a board of control.

Until now, the income of the two companies from tickets and the tuition fees from the Bat-Dor Studios have amounted to IL700,000 per annum, but the cost of each company has been about IL2.1m.

For the year 1974-75, the Ministry of Education has confirmed the sum of IL325,000, with additional special sums for certain projects. The Tel Aviv Municipality contributes IL25,000. There is an allocation from the American-Israel Cultural Foundation, and negotiations are being held with various institutions for other allocations. Yet this will still leave a large deficit.

The two companies oppose the merger because they do not wish to lose their identity. The fact remains, however, that they do not earn more than IL200,000 each a year.

The intention is to create a company of 30 from the 40 members and apprentices in the two companies. The programmes will be combined from the best works of the repertoire of both companies. The policy of having guest choreographers from abroad and using also local choreographers will be continued. It is intended that Jeannette Ordman should be the artistic director.

PERES TELLS KNESSET:

Massive Soviet sea-lift to Syria continuing

Terrorists training in USSR

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The massive Soviet sea-lift of arms to Syria which began after the Yom Kippur War is still continuing, although the freighters arrive with varying frequency, Defence Minister Shimon Peres told the Knesset at question-time yesterday.

Syrian pilots have reportedly been training to fly Mig 23s in the Soviet Union. The Russians have also been training members of the Popular Front-General Command terror group at commanders' courses, guerrilla warfare and weapons courses, he said.

The Arab terrorists in Lebanon already have ground-to-air missiles and have tried to fire them at I.A.F. planes.

The Defence Minister said that Syrian violations of the separation of forces agreement involved stationing more 160 mm. mortars in the weapons reduction zone than permitted; the construction of a road to the top of Mt. Hermon in the UN buffer zone; and the construction of military positions beyond the line of separation. The UN was taking action at Israel's demand to have these positions removed.

He said that although the Syrians had demanded the return of Kuneitra in order to rebuild it they were not doing so, but instead were carrying on an anti-Israel propaganda campaign about the township. They were aware that most of Kuneitra was in ruins when they demanded the town back under the separation of forces agreement, he said.

Syria was still giving the terrorists arms and equipment, the Defence Minister said. Syria, meanwhile, was maintaining military ties with Jordan, with high level military and political meetings.

The Defence Minister said that no penetrations by Russian aircraft had taken place on the northern front. Since July, there had been no penetrations by Russian helicopters on the southern front in the wake of an Israeli complaint to the UN. Israel had also complained about Soviet vessels entering Israeli waters and had demanded that the entry of foreign vessels be coordinated beforehand.

He said that 58 persons were at present held in administrative detention in Israel and the areas, and 41 of these had their terms of detention extended recently. Over the first six months of 1974, 10 such detainees were released, he said.

Israel had occasionally agreed to release Arab terrorists, provided they had not committed murder, at the request of Egypt. But this was not a condition for Egypt to allow searches for the bodies of missing IDF soldiers on the southern front. The Minister said 58 were still missing. Former Chief of Staff David Elazar had received a personal promise from General Muhammad Gamasi to permit searches, he said.

Over 108,000 Arabs had been allowed to enter across the Jordan bridges in the first nine months of 1974, he said. Some 1,700 had been refused entry. Jordan, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia accounted for some 106,000 of the entrants, he said.

Defence Minister Peres said the IDF had plans to teach karate to picked soldiers from field units.

(Questioners were Yedidia Be'eri and Yosef Tamir: Likud, Yehuda Sha'ari and Nissim Eliad: ILP, Haviv Shimoni: Alignment, Avraham Werdiger: Aguda, and Tawfik Toubi: New Communists).

Rejected prep students may still get into H.U.

By MALKA RABINOWITZ, Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Hebrew University is reconsidering its rejection of 220 applicants who completed a year's college preparatory course, Education Minister Aharon Yadlin told the Knesset yesterday.

He was replying to an urgent motion for the agenda by Haviv Shimoni (Labour). Mr. Yadlin said he did not understand how it came about that such a large proportion of the preparatory course students had been rejected — 220 out of 685, with another 30 cases still pending and information lacking on 55 others — making only 380 definitely accepted.

The Minister said he wished to find a "constructive solution" that would bring more students of African and Asian origin into the universities without lowering academic standards.

Mr. Shimoni cited statistics showing that persons of African and Asian origin — who made up half the population — comprised only 13.5 per cent of the university population.

He said about half the 680 prep students were of the Oriental communities. Originally, the University admitted only 150 of them: only after the rejected students set up a public outcry did the University become more flexible about its criteria and accepted 222 more, said Mr. Shimoni. "However 300 still have not been accepted and most of them come from deprived backgrounds."

The speaker complained that those who were originally admitted to university from the prep course came mainly from well established communities, including the children of doctors and teachers who were admitted to the prep course to increase their chances for acceptance to medical studies.

The motion was passed to committee.

Hillel warns West Bankers to keep within the law

Jerusalem Post Staff

Police Minister Shlomo Hillel yesterday told extremist elements in the administered territories that Israel would respect their views as long as they did not cross into the realm of incitement and terror. But, he warned, "if we note any sign of incitement we shall employ every legal means available to us."

The Police Minister, in an interview published by "Yediot Aharonot," said the recent expulsion of four leftist activists — including editor Ali al-Khatib of the East Jerusalem nationalist paper "A-Sha'ab" — should not be regarded as the end of the story. If the paper continued its policy of incitement, various measures might be taken against its owners and editors, he said.

On the more positive side, Mr. Hillel told a Tel Aviv University symposium on the Palestinians yesterday that Israel's administration of the areas had made for a better political solution when it comes. There were political differences, but there was coexistence — and the essence of this was the ability to live side by side despite the disagreements.

The Police Minister added that any Palestinian Arab state in just the West Bank would cut its inhabitants off from the East Bank, which they had built and to which they had as much right as to any place west of the Jordan. The idea of such a state was another example of the Arab states' misuse of the Palestinians' situation for their own benefit, and to the Palestinians' detriment, he said.

Two of the three East Jerusalem Arab dailies, "A-Sha'ab" and "Al-Fajr," did not appear yesterday in protest against the deportation of "A-Sha'ab" editor Ali Mahmoud el-Khatib. The third daily, "Al-Kuds," appeared as usual.

Marriage went on the rocks after liquor lord paid $5m.

NEW YORK (AP). — Edgar Bronfman, president of the world's largest distilling company, is suing for annulment of his marriage to Lady Caroline Townshend, direct descendant of the man whose tea tax on the colonies was a prime cause of the American Revolution.

Bronfman, 44, told a New York State court on Monday that Lady Caroline "had a hangup about sex and could not sleep with me."

The Canadian-born president of Distillers Corporation-Seagram's said he found this strange since he and Lady Caroline "were lovers" for four months before their marriage last December 18.

Both have been previously married and both have children.

Bronfman, prominent in Jewish and U.S. philanthropic circles, said he had given Lady Caroline one million dollars, $115,000 in jewels, and the title deeds to a baronial mansion in New York's Westchester County.

The Townshend family motto is "Faith obtained these honours for our race."

Bronfman told the court Lady Caroline had said afterwards "her family advised her that because I was a man of means, one million dollars was a paltry sum and I should settle five million dollars on her."

"I did," Bronfman added.

Lady Caroline's father, the seventh Marquess Townshend, is one of Britain's top agriculturalists and an insurance executive.

Bronfman said he met his wife in London several years ago and got her a job in his company's New York office. Her duties included such interludes as a trip to Paris together.

A hint that all was not well, Bronfman told Judge Jacob Grumet, came as the couple were riding down in the elevator from the apartment they occupied together. On their wedding night, he continued, they occupied separate rooms, and the bride remained cool during their honeymoon in Acapulco, Mexico.

The judge inquired whether Bronfman had asked to enter his wife's room, and the petitioner replied: "I did, but I was turned down."

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The funeral will leave from Sanhedria Funeral Parlour, Jerusalem, for Har Hamenuhot today, Thursday, November 7, at 2 p.m.

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Tali Meretz — Grandchildren

Michael and Anat

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IN THE KNESSET

Likud no-confidence motion next week on IC investments

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Likud Knesset tiloc has tabled a motion of no-confidence in the Government about the controversial investments made by the Israel Corporation and by State corporations here in Tibor Rosenbaum's International Credit Bank in Geneva and his International Credit Trust in Lichtenstein. It will be debated next Tuesday.

The Likud tabled no-confidence after its demand (in a motion for the agenda) for a parliamentary commission of inquiry on the affair was defeated in the Knesset yesterday by 45 votes against 27.

Presenting this motion, the Likud's Yitzhak Moda'i charged that the managers of State enterprises enjoyed virtual immunity from penalties despite "their financial trickery and charlatan conduct." This was due to their political links with the Establishment, he said.

His remark about a hidden hand guiding investments of the IC in Rosenbaum enterprises, denying all knowledge but nevertheless involved, was taken by some as referring to former Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir.

Moda'i said some of the IC's investments in Israel did not reflect the purpose of the law under which it was established. Moreover, the IC enjoyed exaggerated financial concessions.

Israel's image was tarnished among Jews and non-Jews alike abroad, Moda'i stated, especially after Israeli emissaries travelled overseas to encourage investments in Rosenbaum enterprises.

The State Comptroller cannot probe the matter properly, he said. Despite that, the Government is dodging an adequate investigation of the investment affair.

In his reply, Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz reminded the Likud that it had supported the financial concessions granted to IC under the law.

State corporations in general were making profits, the Minister said. If there were occasional failures — however painful — these must be seen in proportion.

The Police, the State Comptroller, the Israel Corporation, Zim and the oil refineries were making their own inquiries and these would be completed. In any case, Mr. Rabinowitz said, the Knesset plenum and the Finance Committee had already devoted many hours to the affair. There was no call for a parliamentary committee of inquiry, he concluded.

The Coalition got the support of the Aguda in striking off the motion. The Likud was backed by the New Communists and the Citizens' Rights Movement.

The recent disclosures of the way the Israel Corporation, Zim and Haifa Refineries have handled their foreign currency accounts has led *Attorney General Meir Shamgar to* suggest that the Government get out of companies where its participation does not afford it a decisive position in management decisions.

In a memorandum to Finance *Minister* Yehoshua Rabinowitz, *Mr. Shamgar* stated that following these disclosures, "the Ministerial Economic Committee has decided on a full investigation, to enable the Government to take the necessary legal and administrative measures. At the same time, the police have been asked to check into the affairs affecting Israel Corporation Ltd."

Travel tax down for 'Holy Year'

Jerusalem Post Travel Correspondent

Catholic residents of Jerusalem will receive partial to full exemption from the travel tax should they want to visit Rome in the course of 1975, proclaimed "Holy Year" by the Pope.

The exemptions will actually date from the coming December 15, to take in Christmas celebrations.

The exemptions were announced in a decree published by Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz, acting in response to a recommendation by Tourism Minister Moshe Kol.

Full exemptions of the levy, which totals IL600 head tax plus 10 per cent of the fare, will be granted *to Catholic priests, nuns and monks.* A lesser discount of IL400, approximately 50 per cent of the full exemption, will be granted to all Catholic residents of Israel wishing to visit Rome for the same purpose.

Applications for exemptions require endorsement by the Tourism Minister.

Explaining this point, the Ministry spokesman said that Catholics wishing to make the pilgrimage to Rome should apply to Bishop Hanna Kildani at the Latin Patriarchate in Jerusalem for approval, after which the applications will be forwarded to the Ministry's Pilgrimage Department. The applications will thereupon be forwarded to the Customs with the required recommendation for exemption.

In connection with the Holy Year, the spokesman added that both in North and South America, Catholic church and other leaders are heading special committees for the purpose of encouraging Holy Year pilgrims to Rome to extend their visit to the Christian holy places in Israel.



Girl soldiers are to be trained in unarmed combat as part of basic training. Here a trainee instructress gets a judo lesson. (I.P.P.A.)

El Al offers to fly French kidneys

B-G AIRPORT. — El Al will transport any kidneys given by France for transplant needs at no cost, a company spokesman has announced.

The possibility of bringing in the kidneys was discussed at the 11th congress of the European Society for Dialysis and Kidney Transplants now being held in Tel Aviv. A French representative, hearing that Israelis were unwilling to donate their kidneys, offered to supply the organs from his country.

Professor Jean Dausset, chairman of the French Society for Kidney Transplants, is to work out the details of possible cooperation between the two countries with Dr. Ya'acov of the Government hospital in Hadera. *(Itim.)*

Elias Kteily made northern chief magistrate

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH. — Judge Elias Kteily has been appointed Chief Magistrate for all northern magistrate's courts, replacing Judge Ya'acov Bar Ze'ev, who is retiring.

Judge Kteily was appointed magistrate here 19 years ago and is now the only magistrate in the Northern District, following the retirement of Judge Bar Ze'ev and the transfer of Judge Eliahu Maloul to the District Court. There are now ten *magistrate's courts in the* district and cases are heard on a circuit basis.

One of the courts, opened in the Golan four years ago, dispenses justice according to Syrian law.

B-G memorial day planned

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The series of events planned to commemorate the first anniversary of the death of David Ben-Gurion (November 20 according to the Hebrew calendar) will centre mainly on his Negev kibbutz Sde Boker, it was announced yesterday. Defence Minister Shimon Peres heads the public committee arranging the programme.

On the anniversary day a memorial service will be held at Sde Boker at the graves of Paula and David Ben-Gurion and their kibbutz house will be opened to the public. There will also be a Gadna rally at the kibbutz, and a corner-stone laying ceremony for two new institutes at the Sde Boker campus of the Beersheba University. One of the institutes will be devoted to the study of the influence of arid zones on man, and the other will study Ben-Gurion's influence on the Jewish renaissance.

Ben Gurion's residence in Tel Aviv will be open to the public a week later. The adjacent Sderot Keren Kayemet will be renamed Ben Gurion Boulevard by Mayor Shlomo Lahat. On November 23, a Ben Gurion exhibition will open at the Tel Aviv museum. Mr. Peres will address a Histadrut-sponsored rally at the Museum on December 15.

In Jerusalem, an evening of reminiscences by persons who had been close to Ben Gurion will be held at the Municipal Theatre on December 8.

Inflation puts a stop to shrimp exports

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Inflation has put a stop, at least temporarily, to one of the country's *smaller* but valuable exports — deep frozen shrimp.

The Jerusalem Post learned yesterday that the fishermen, who have an open order from Italy for the delicacy, suspended deliveries a couple of months ago, because they can get *more in the local market.* So far, some six tons which were to have been exported have been sold locally.

The Italian importer pays $4.5 per kg. for the cleaned frozen, shrimps, which together with the IL1.50 per dollar government export incentive, amounts to IL27 per kg.

However, nowadays fishermen can get as much as IL28 per kg. for the shrimps from local fishmongers, who in turn sell the shrimps to anyone willing to pay up to IL40 per kg. So far the country has lost some $30,000 in foreign currency from the suspension of the export.

Yesterday the Fishermen's Union secretary Dov Schmiede told *The Post* that he expected the exports to be resumed shortly, in time for the Christmas market. The fishermen are gambling that inflation abroad will raise prices there too, and that a possible devaluation here will make the exports viable again.

Rush for B-G stamps

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Thousands of persons stampeded sale counters of the Philatelic Services and post offices Tuesday to buy first-day covers of the two stamps issued in memory of David Ben-Gurion.

The two issues, printed in green (IL1.30 denomination) and brown (25 agora), are among the largest of Israel's entire stamp collection. The latter is reproduced here, life-size. Designer Oswald Adler, who has produced nearly 50 other Israel stamps, based his portrait on impressions gathered from sifting through thousands of photographs of the late Prime Minister.

Herbert Loeb of the Philatelic Services told *The Jerusalem Post* that the enormous crowds were not expected. He assumed that eagerness to buy the stamped first-day envelopes was due to the historical value of the stamps, as well as the expectation of their being a sound investment.



Ben-Gurion's words and deeds were recalled at a modest ceremony in the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem on Monday night. Prime Minister (and Communications Minister) Yitzhak Rabin said that Ben-Gurion was the greatest Israel leader during periods of greatest crisis. "We *remember him with pride* and warmth," he added, and then presented Ben-Gurion's daughters and daughter-in-law with souvenir albums of the stamps.

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Road accidents up by ⅓ in Army this summer

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Defence Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday that traffic accidents in the army increased during May-*August of this year, by* 35.7 per cent over the same period last year.

During the first half of this year, he said, the army had 52 fatal traffic accidents, 24 of which involved civilian cars.

Mr. Peres was answering parliamentary questions from Yehuda Sha'ani (ILP). He said the higher accident rate was caused by increased military activity in border areas, where road conditions are poor.

During the Yom Kippur War and the two months following it, traffic accidents in the army increased by 60 per cent, Mr. Peres said. But the complement of vehicles the army was using had jumped 460 per cent over *the pre-war figure, he added.*

Counter measures taken by the army to fight accidents include: military-police patrols along roads travelled by army vehicles, electronic speed-traps, cooperation with the civilian police, increased supervision *in areas where manoeuvres are held,* and extensive information campaigns among soldiers.

Two acquitted in Holy Sepulchre robbery case

Twin brothers from Tel Aviv were yesterday acquitted of armed robbery of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre after the Jerusalem District Court found there was insufficient evidence to convict them.

The prosecution dropped the charges against Alexander and Yehoshua Weingarten, 28, after a cellmate who said he had heard them confess the crime went back on his story.

According to the charges, the Weingarten brothers allegedly broke *into the church on the night* of April 13, 1973, wearing masks and armed with a revolver. Once inside they allegedly beat a priest who tried to stop them, and then forced a church attendant to give them a valuable silver religous plaque, with which they made off.

However, when called on to testify Biton denied the statement completely and said he had never seen or talked with the Weingartens.

Biton was declared a hostile witness, and the prosecution agreed to drop the charges. Judges Yehuda Cohen, Ezra Hedaya and Yosef Yihye accepted this, on grounds that the charges had not been proven. *(Itim.)*

HASHISH *weighing 32 kilos* and valued at IL75,000 was found near Khan Yunis in the southern part of the Gaza Strip, police announced yesterday. No arrests were reported.

Uzzan: Israel treats Beduin fairly

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Agriculture Minister Aharon Uzzan said yesterday there was no basis whatsoever to charges that the Beduin tribes were being deprived of their lands.

The law courts have ruled in favour of the authorities in every case so far, Uzzan told the Knesset yesterday, "and the law courts certainly cannot be accused of aiding expropriation." Other countries with Beduin populations do not treat them as fairly as Israel does, he suggested, referring to his personal knowledge of his country of origin — Tunisia.

Uzzan persuaded the Knesset to vote to the Economic Committee three motions for the agenda about Beduin lands — from the Alignment's Beduin MK, Abu Rabia, the New Communists and Moked.

The Minister said that a committee of experts had submitted recommendations on determining the distribution of Negev lands and these were currently being studied. He ignored a provocative question by the Likud's "expert" on Beduin, Eitan Livni: "Were there any Beduin on this experts committee?"

As a group of black-robed Negev sheikhs sat looking on in the visitors gallery, the three MKs made the following points:

- The tribes would willingly accept compensation for lands used by kibbutzim, moshavim, or industrial and military sites, but they insist on full title to the rest. Turkish and British Mandate records show tribal ownership stretching back many years. The Beduin have proved their loyalty to the State of Israel *(Muhammad Abu Rabia — Alignment-affiliated).*
- Much of the land taken from the Beduin in the days of Military Government rule in the Negev is being leased back to them for rent, on a basis of favouritism *(Protestia).* Some of the tribes like the Huzail linked their fate to the Zionist movement before 1948 and they deserve just treatment now. The registration of lands is dragging on too long. Till it is completed, the Beduin should be allowed to cultivate the lands undisturbed *(Meir Pa'il — Moked).*
- Plans to build a big new airfield in the Negev make the issue urgent now. The Beduin land problem is only part of the overall problem of confiscation of Arab lands all over the country. The authorities have taken persistent action to prevent the Beduin from constructing decent homes instead of their makeshift dwellings *(Tawfik Toubi — New Communists).*

At the Alignment Knesset faction earlier in the week, Uzzan's colleagues criticised him for having prevented Abu Rabia from tabling his motion five months ago without a proper explanation. As a result, Yitzhak Navon explained to the faction, *Moked and the New Communists* saw the ferment among the Negev tribes and were able to jump on the bandwagon.

Army regulars get 30% pay rise

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Members of the regular army received a pay rise of some 30 per cent with their October salaries. Aimed at making service in the permanent army more attractive, the increase was recently approved by the Cabinet.

The increase is called "regular army increment." It is calculated as *some* 30 per cent of basic pay, seniority allowance, and C-o-L allowance. It is subject to income tax of up to 27 per cent and nine per cent war loan.

One permanent army captain reported that he received IL300 more after tax than in the previous month.

Some of the special increments paid to regular army officers have also been increased. These include allowances for field service, instructors' duty, parachuting and flying, for example.

Seek end to agents' cut

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

Defence Ministry procurement officials abroad are trying to persuade *suppliers not to pay commission* to their agents in Israel. The Ministry hopes that if the producers agree, the saving would be reflected in a drop in prices of the items purchased.

The agents do nothing to arrange the deals, which are concluded by Ministry purchasing missions abroad, directly with the producers. But the producers' agreements with the representatives cover all goods sold within their area, giving the agents huge commissions in many cases.

Ministry officials are not sure if their efforts will succeed. Even if the companies agree to cooperate, which is far from definite, this need not be reflected in the price.

Officials would not identify the *companies in question* or their agents or discuss the amounts involved. But they are estimated to run into many millions of dollars.

As a result of government pressure, some manufacturers' representatives have waived their commissions on military supplies, while others have agreed to a lower percentage than usual.

The Defence Ministry has proposed legislation which would restrict *commissions for agents on arms* purchased for the IDF. Discussions on formulation of a draft bill are now underway between the Defence and Justice Ministries.

100,000 fly between Germany and Israel

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — Some 100,000 persons will have flown between Israel and Germany by the time 1974 ends — slightly more than last year.

This estimate was given yesterday by El Al's Frankfurt representative Yehoshua Marash, who said the passenger breakdown was: El Al 60 per cent — *Lufthansa 40 per cent.* He added that air-freighting of Israel agricultural produce to Germany had increased 51 per cent — to 10,000 tons by the end of the current year. *(Itim.)*

NCJW conference opens in Tel Aviv

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The conference of the American National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) opened yesterday evening at the Sheraton Hotel here.

The NCJW established in 1893, has 100,000 members committed to strengthening the Jewish community *in the U.S. and Israel.*

In Israel, the NCJW supports and maintains the centre for research in education of the disadvantaged at the Hebrew University's School of Education.

ALONI CHARGES:

Raphael used position to help out 'Hatzofe'

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporaer

Former Minister Shulamit Aloni has lost no time in hitting out at Cabinet newcomer Yitzhak Raphael (NRP), the Minister for *Religious Affairs.*

The moment Premier Yitzhak Rabin announced her resignation from the Knesset rostrum yesterday, she asked permission to speak. Raphael was said to have been one of the hindrances to her faction's remaining in the Cabinet.

Aloni charged that Raphael began filling his party's empty coffers even before he took his portfolio at the Religious Affairs *Ministry. She said that the* NRP daily "Hatzofe," lately suffering from reduced advertising, has received a flood of advertisements from the Religious Councils under the control of the Ministry and the party, welcoming his entry to the *Cabinet.*

The daily manager told *The Jerusalem Post* he only got six such ads.

Raphael misused State budgets, Aloni charged. This was inappropriate at a time when all citizens are being urged to tighten their belts.

Premier Rabin, announcing Aloni's resignation under the Basic Law: Cabinet, added a personal note that he regretted her decision *not to continue* the partnership in the Government.

Safad old quarter project halted

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Construction has been halted at the Breslau hassidim housing project in Safad because of the danger to historical sites there, Interior Minister Yosef Burg said in the *Knesset yesterday.*

He was replying to a motion for the agenda by Yossi Sarid (Labour).

The stoppage order was issued by the District Town Planning Commission because of danger to 13 structures which have been earmarked for preservation, said Dr. Burg.

Mr. Sarid said that at a time Israel was seeking to establish its historic rights in the land, remains of Jewish history were being destroyed — such as the house of the Ha'ari in Safad.

The motion was passed to the Interior Committee.

A motion by Rabbi Menahem Porush (Agudat Yisrael) that the motion be dropped from the agenda received only the three votes of his faction.

'Crusader from Bethlehem'

Mayor Freij to raise funds in U.S. to beautify city

Special To The Jerusalem Post

BETHLEHEM. — Mayor Elias M. Freij of Bethlehem set out today for the U.S. on a coast-to-coast, five-week pilgrimage to raise funds for the beautification of the city, traditional birthplace of Jesus.

The mayor will be appealing for financial support from America's 214 million Christians, to help Bethlehem replace the eye-sore parking lot in Manger Square, outside the Church of the Nativity, with a *plaza with gardens and fountains.*

Calling himself a Crusader from Bethlehem, the mayor will take his appeal to a wide cross-section of American leaders, including governors, congressmen, mayors, church and labour leaders, and Christian businessmen.

In Washington, Mr. Freij will call on President Ford and present him with a Bethlehem Bible. In the nation's capital, he will also meet with many of the two dozen senators and congressmen who are honorary board members of the Bethlehem Foundation, a non-profit, tax-exempt institution formed in the U.S.

Looking ahead to his mission, the mayor said: "Although Bethlehem is a sacred place to Christians, we have often felt neglected by the Christian world, remembered only in the songs of Christmas and then forgotten for another year. Now we are appealing to men of good will to help us create a dignified setting for our holy treasures and help us preserve the special inheritance of our blessed heritage."

In addition to the plaza, the Bethlehem City Council plans to carve out an underground parking hall to handle the cars and vehicles that carry a half-million visitors to Bethlehem each year.

In many cities, the mayor will be officially honoured by local and state leaders who will proclaim "Bethlehem Days" in their communities.

One highlight of the mayor's trip is *December 2 in Houston where* he addresses the 50th anniversary congress of the National League of Cities. More than 2,000 American mayors will be in attendance.

Probe asked in professor's talk to pro-terror group

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Education Minister Aharon Yadlin said yesterday he had asked the Attorney General to check the "legal implications" of a Hebrew University professor's appearance before a conference in Holland sponsored by sympathizers of Palestinian terror groups.

But the government would not interfere with the academic standing of Professor Yisrael Shahak, professor of organic chemistry at the Hebrew University, the Minister said.

Mr. Yadlin was replying to a motion for the agenda by Rabbi Shlomo Lorincz (Agudat Yisrael) who said the "psychopathic professor" should not be permitted to incite against Israel on what amounted to a subsidy from the Hebrew University.

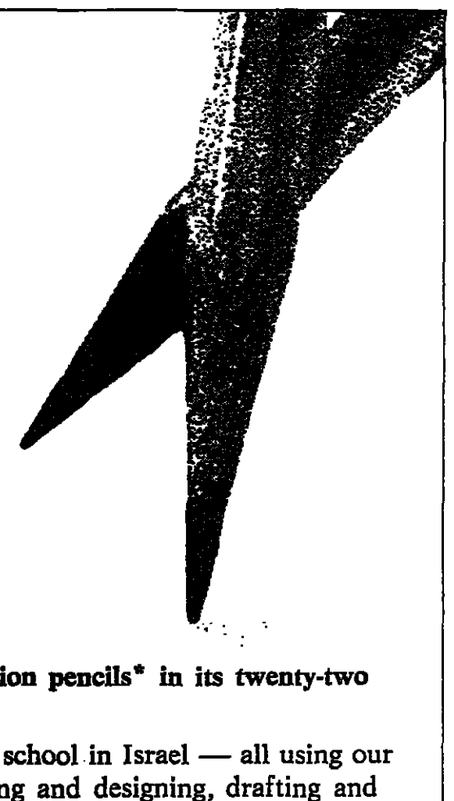
Prof. Shahak had in fact not used the sabbatical year or other University funds at his disposal since 1972, replied Mr. Yadlin according to information from the Hebrew University. The Minister said in answer to a separate question by Yosef Tamir (Likud) that the University authorities had still not received the full text of Prof. Shahak's speech before the Dutch-Palestine Friendship League but he had apparently taken a stand against terror actions.

Nevertheless, said Mr. Yadlin, the very fact of his appearance before a forum that sought the elimination *of the State of Israel made him* a tool in the hands of the most extreme of Israel's enemies.

The motion was passed to committee with the agreement of both the Minister and Rabbi Lorincz, after a shouting match between Aguda and Communist MKs.

The New Communist motion to drop the Aguda motion from the agenda received only the three votes of the party.

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Alsop says U.S. would fight in Persian Gulf

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Syndicated columnist Joseph Alsop said yesterday that within the next year, "the U.S. may well be taking military action in the Persian Gulf in order to counter another oil embargo."

In a column appearing in "The Washington Post," Alsop painted a grim scenario in the Middle East, predicting that unless Secretary of State Henry Kissinger manages to break the current deadlock in the negotiations, "there will be another Arab-Israeli war." He said that "there is a chance that war may be avoided, but only an off chance."

If war does erupt, "the U.S. will probably aid Israel" and Congress will support this policy, he said. But he asserted that the Arabs would under these circumstances, "instantly" reimpose their oil embargo.

The U.S. cannot again permit oil to be used as an essentially military weapon without a suitable military response," Alsop said. "And that response can only be made in the Persian Gulf."

Israel tells Unesco: Digs no desecration of J'lem

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — Nathan Bar Yaacov, Israel's chief representative at the Unesco general conference here, yesterday rejected Arab charges that Jerusalem's spiritual and architectural heritage is being damaged by Israeli archaeological digging in the old city.

Mr. Bar Yaacov was speaking during a debate on a resolution sponsored by the Arab and Communist blocs which call for Unesco to withdraw scientific, cultural and educational help to Israel in reprisal for the alleged desecration of Jerusalem.

The Israel representative said the charges were refuted in reports prepared for Unesco by Secretary General Rene Maheu's personal envoy, and by Raymond Lemaire, secretary-general of the International Council of Monuments and Sites.

Mr. Bar Yaacov said he regretted these reports were not mentioned during the Unesco debate nor in the resolution.

The Israeli representative said Unesco had always had access to all sites in Jerusalem. The diggings had yielded more finds in five years than during the entire previous century, he said. Mr. Bar Yaacov argued that archaeology in general had gained from Israel's efforts and he hoped an international effort could be made to further the work.

Before the debate was adjourned last night, France and Costa Rica had begun action to modify the resolution, provide a role for Unesco in Jerusalem and withdraw the Communist-Arab threat to suspend aid to Israel from the organization.

SOCCER PREVIEW

Haifa league leaders at home to J'lem Betar

By PAUL KOHN
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — In the most interesting round of national league football games to date, the match of the week will be played in Kiryat Haim this Saturday where league leaders Haifa Hapoel play at home to Jerusalem Betar.

Haifa Hapoel have been going great guns and have netted seven goals in their last two games. Their goal average of 11:2 is far and away the best in the first division. This is thanks to the fine form of Schemer Englender, veteran Reuven Young and Leventhal, the midfield dynamo.

Jerusalem Betar have done surprisingly well so far this season, and have dropped only one point in their last four games. It has brought them within one point of the league leaders. Lurie and goalkeeper Mizrahi have been outstanding in defence, and Avitan and Szabo combine well in attack. In what promises to be a fine match, Jerusalem Betar may not hold the pace setting Haifaites.

Also second placed Kfar Saba Hapoel return home this Saturday, to entertain Netanya Maccabi, last season's champions. The Sharon team were surprisingly taken out of their stride by Jaffa Maccabi (0:2) last week, at the same time that the Netanya side snatched both points with a 1:0 win in Jerusalem. In past seasons, Kfar Saba Hapoel have produced a trump card against the better fancied Netanya Maccabi, but Shum, Marchinsky and Vogel would only have to return to their early season form to be favourites for a win. This week, Netanya Maccabi are still not at full strength, with Saroussi not regularly in their line-up and Oded Machness not playing at his best.

A Tel Aviv derby will have the two bottom clubs in the league Hapoel and Betar, clash at the Bloomfield Stadium. Hapoel have one point and Betar none from their first five games this season, an amazing situation with so much talent in these clubs. This promises to be a hard match with both teams struggling to get out of the relegation danger zone. There is little in it in attack between Mordkowitch and Feigenbaum in the Hapoel front line and Shimele Cohen, Romano and Peri of Betar. An odd goal may be the decider either way, but derbies have a habit of ending in draws, and it is time Betar picked up a point.

Jerusalem Hapoel again play at home, with Jaffa Maccabi as visitors this week. The Jaffa combination has a new found confidence with Onana and Arouetti in great form, and will not be easily held. If Marili, Tuval, Ingoal, Othman and Azoulai can regain their best form they may hold the Jaffaites, and at least rescue a point for Jerusalem.

Another interesting game will be played again in Beersheba, where the home Hapoel play Tel Aviv Maccabi. Beersheba Hapoel should have beaten Shimshon comfortably last week but lacked a potent striker to finish off good midfield work, and unless coach Amazia Lefkowitz finds a solution to this problem, the Maccabi defence, pivoted around Zvi Rosen and well supported by Bello and Oz, will not give the Beersheba forwards many scoring chances. Here, too, it might be safest to predict a draw result.

No football pool punter managed to forecast 13 correct results last week, bringing this week's first prize money up to a minimum of IL500,000. Sportoto announced a total payout of at least IL800,000 this week.

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Women prevent a British soldier from arresting a middle-aged woman during disturbances in Belfast yesterday afternoon. The disturbances followed the shooting of a prisoner during mass breakout from Maze Prison. (AP radiophoto)

British troops battle Ulster prisoners in mass escape try

BELFAST (UPI). — British troops fought pitched battles with prisoners inside Maze Prison early yesterday after one inmate was killed in a mass escape attempt, a government spokesman said.

The rioting erupted when hundreds of prisoners tried to rush the main gate as troops and police scoured the countryside for 20 men who fled through an escape tunnel during the night.

An army spokesman said one of the escapees, 24-year-old Hugh Coney, a republican detainee, was shot to death by soldiers when a group of the escapees refused to halt when they scrambled across a road near the detention centre 13 kms south of Belfast.

He said 85 other prisoners were injured in the rioting inside the prison, but only four of them required hospitalization. No guards were reported injured.

The spokesman said 29 of the escapees were captured within an hour after the breakout at midnight and that a major manhunt has been launched for four still missing.

An army headquarters spokesman said the prison governor requested standby troops to quell disturbances inside the camp. Troops in riot gear fought for more than two hours using teargas and firing rubber bullets to restore order, he said.

Troops cordoned off the entire area around the prison, and army helicopters with powerful searchlights were seen hovering around the surrounding countryside.

Another government statement issued at 7 a.m. yesterday said that order had been restored in the camp.

When word of the escape attempt reached Belfast, hundreds of women and children poured into the streets and blocked traffic in Catholic neighbourhoods with human barricades. Others hijacked trucks and buses to block routes out of the city. Many of the prison's 1,200 inmates are held without trial as suspected extremists. The prison was nearly destroyed by fire in rioting last month.

Police reported other disturbances in Coalisland — Coney's hometown — and Newry, and Counties Fermanagh and Armagh.

Gunmen ambushed a British patrol near a border village yesterday and killed two soldiers, army spokesmen said.

A bomb packed in a truck exploded outside a central Belfast police station. The driver of the vehicle was able to give a warning and no one was hurt, although there was light damage to the police station.

Jailed Ukrainian threatens hunger strike till death

MOSCOW (UPI). — A jailed Ukrainian historian, Valentin Moroz, has said he will continue a hunger strike until New Year and die if necessary unless authorities transfer him to a labour camp, according to dissident scientist Andrei Sakharov.

Sakharov told western newsmen Moroz's wife, Raisa, their 12-year-old son and Moroz's father visited the former history lecturer on Tuesday in Vladimir Prison east of Moscow. Mrs. Moroz was summoned to the jail by prison authorities to persuade her husband to end the hunger strike he started July 1.

Sakharov said Moroz told his wife he would not give up his strike and would commit suicide by starvation if necessary.

Moroz, 38, a former history lecturer in the Ukrainian town of Ivano-Frankovsk, received a 14-year sentence — six years in prison followed by four in a labour camp and then four in exile — in 1970 on charges of anti-Soviet activities and preaching Ukrainian nationalism.

Sakharov said prison authorities refused to give Mrs. Moroz assurances that her husband would receive improved treatment if he ended his hunger strike. Mrs. Moroz, 37, is a former teacher of German in Ivano-Frankovsk.

Russian who jumped ship now enters U.S. legally

NEW YORK (AP). — Simas Kudirka, the radio operator who jumped a Soviet fishing trawler in a vain attempt to get to the U.S., is now here as a citizen.

Almost four years ago, Kudirka, 44, whose mother was born in the U.S., climbed aboard an American coast-guard cutter and asked for asylum. The American crew permitted him to be dragged back aboard the trawler by the Russians. On Tuesday he arrived in New York from Moscow with his wife, two children and mother.

Asked what he would like to see in the U.S., Kudirka said he would like to compare life in American prisons with his experience in a Soviet jail. At one point during his incarceration he was held incommunicado, unable to communicate with his family or friends. At the time sources from Communist countries said they feared he was dead or seriously ill.

He also said he is anxious to get settled and enter his eight-year-old son and 14-year-old daughter in school.

Kudirka was declared a U.S. citizen by the State Department in July while serving a 10-year prison sentence in the Ural Mountains for his attempted defection. The Soviets released him from prison in August. Two months earlier his mother received the same citizenship status based on proof that she was born in Brooklyn. She was taken to Lithuania, now part of the Soviet Union, prior to World War II by her parents.

J'lem Patriarch: flock leaving

VATICAN CITY (AFP). — The emigration of Christians from the Holy Land is the biggest problem currently facing the Church there, Jerusalem Latin Patriarch Giacomo Beltritti said over Vatican Radio yesterday.

Msgr. Beltritti, who said he had been in the Holy Land for 48 years, noted that it was sacred to three monotheistic religions — Christianity, Judaism and Islam. But there were only about 100,000 Christians in what he called the Holy Land itself, plus 70-80,000 in Transjordan—against three million Moslems for these areas and about three million Jews.

The Church was of course doing important social, educational and welfare work among the Holy Land's Christians, he said, but it was still beset by the emigration problem caused by the political, economic and social situation.

SABOTEURS.— The West German Air Force has discovered the culprits responsible for "sabotaging" two of its aircraft. A spokesman said swarms of mice nested in the planes and chewed through the electrical wiring of engines.

Papadopoulos: No regime is perfect

ATHENS (Reuter). — Former President George Papadopoulos, charged with high treason in connection with the 1967 coup which established seven years of military rule in Greece, said yesterday that no regime is perfect.

In a memorandum to the Athens Court of Appeals, the former colonel who masterminded the coup and abolished parliamentary rule and the monarchy, said "the people and the army have the right to stage revolutions when it becomes necessary to change the established order, and there is no other road open to them."

He alleged the situation in Greece prior to his coup was chaotic. "The Greek people were in agony. Groups of anarchists were preparing to overthrow the government and some organizations had created a state within a state."

Mr. Papadopoulos admitted his government remained in power longer than necessary and said errors may have been committed. "But no government is faultless," he said.

He claimed the lack of resistance during the takeover was a sign of tacit approval of the coup by the Greek people. He also claimed a referendum, which approved by an overwhelming majority a constitution in 1968, was an additional proof of approval of his regime by the people.

Finally Mr. Papadopoulos alleged that an amnesty granted by the civilian government formed after the military relinquished power last July, covered the actualities of his junta.

Portuguese gov't blasts leftist riots

LISBON (Reuter). — The military-dominated provisional government yesterday strongly condemned Monday's left-wing riots against a centre-right party, and sent troops to arrest suspected ringleaders in dawn raids.

A government statement said the attacks against the Centre Democrat (CDS) party, during which police opened fire and 35 people were injured, only served reactionary forces interested in harming and dishonouring Portugal's democratization and decolonization.

But more left-wing riots were reported yesterday in Portugal's second largest city of Oporto. The crowds attacked a CDS building and set fire to it with a petrol bomb. The police repulsed the rioters and put out the blaze.

The armed forces said an unspecified number of people suspected of being connected with the troubles were arrested by troops of the special security force.

The government, clearly worried about the threat to Portugal's democratic image, reaffirmed its "firm determination to maintain the democratic order installed on April 25" — the day of the military coup overthrowing 48 years of right-wing totalitarian rule.

The government, dominated by the soldiers who staged the April coup, promised to take adequate measures to safeguard fundamental rights and liberty. These rights and liberty "are the conditions for maintaining the pluralist democracy which it is up to the government and the armed forces movement to ensure."

Yariv sees little hope

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rates" and the ultra-extremists within the PLO were merely over tactics: the basic strategic aim — the destruction of Israel — was agreed upon by all.

Mr. Yariv quoted PLO political director Farouk Kaddoumi who, on October 30, had stated: "The PLO will not negotiate with Israel in whatever circumstances.... Israel is a foreign entity in the Middle East." And on November 4, Kaddoumi had declared: "We do not wish to receive anything from the Jews.... We shall take it.... But not all at once."

This ultimate PLO strategy had in effect been endorsed by the Rabat summit, Mr. Yariv charged. "At Rabat, under PLO pressure, the Arab world opted for extremism," he said. Neither the summit resolutions nor subsequent statements by Arab leaders had made any mention of the word "peace," Mr. Yariv noted, nor had the word "negotiations" appeared anywhere, though perhaps — hopefully — it had been implied. Israel, at any rate, was ready, as Premier Rabin had announced in the Knesset, for negotiations with Egypt on a partial political settlement. But Israel remained adamant in its refusal to deal with the PLO, and the expected establishment of a PLO government-in-exile would not change that refusal.

Mr. Yariv counselled against a "rash" assessment of King Hussein's apparent defeat at Rabat and his apparent withdrawal from West Bank affairs. The Israel Government was reserving its own opinion for the present, and meanwhile, "until further notice, the Israel Defence Forces are still there (on the West Bank)."

Invited to speculate on what Israel would do in the event of a PLO coup in Jordan itself, Mr. Yariv said Israel's first reaction would be "to hold on to the West Bank as tightly as possible." He refused to consider what, if any, possibilities for political progress such an eventuality might open up.

He counselled, too, a measure of perspicacity in assessing the post-Rabat pro-PLO "euphoria." There were parts of the Palestinian people which, "though not ardent Zionists," were nevertheless not so hot on the PLO." But any such elements would plainly not come to the fore in the present situation, the minister indicated.

For the present, Israel would continue the "dialogue of coexistence" which it had maintained for the past seven years "with 1.6 million Palestinians" and which had proven to be of "at least some value." This dialogue might "harbour the seeds of a better future" though those seeds could not be expected to germinate quickly.

We intend to take firm action, Yariv warned, "against anyone trying to upset this dialogue." The expulsion this week to Lebanon of four prominent West Bankers was to be seen as an example of that firm action. "We will not be ruthless — but we definitely shall be firm," Yariv declared.

He denied as "absolutely untrue" reports from Lebanon of a wave of 1,200 arrests on the West Bank since the Rabat summit. The actual figure was between 40 and 50, he said, only slightly higher than the average. The new detainees brought to 100-plus the figure of West Bank residents held under administrative ordinance or awaiting trial, he reported.

Mr. Yariv seemed to play down press reports yesterday of Egyptian troop incursions into the Suez buffer zone. There had been, he said, some Egyptian violations of the disengagement accord which had involved placement of weapons and "location of a limited number of troops."

Syria, too, had violated the disengagement by stationing more than the permitted number of tanks in the limited forces zone. He indicated that the infringement involved a small number of tanks. The Syrians had also introduced heavy mortars, claiming that they are not "artillery pieces" within the meaning of the disengagement accord.

In the Knesset, Likud leader Menahem Begin demanded that the Egyptian infringements be urgently discussed by the House.

'Arafat knows whereabouts of Abu Ayad

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The disappearance of Yasser Arafat's deputy in the Fatah Command, Abu Ayad, is connected with the abortive attempt by Arab terrorists to kill King Hussein and probably some other Arab leaders attending the Rabat summit a fortnight ago. Information Minister Yariv suggested the connection at his press conference yesterday. He said he had evidence to prove it but that he could not divulge the evidence.

Mr. Yariv suggested that following the failure of the assassination attempt, Abu Ayad had gone underground. "I know of one man who knows where Abu Ayad is — and that man is Yasser Arafat." Mr. Yariv declared.

Abu Ayad commands the Black September terror group which is known to be affiliated to the Fatah.

"Is Abu Ayad a lone wolf?" Mr. Yariv asked rhetorically. "Or is he the true face of the PLO?" The latter was surely the true situation, he implied.

Nixon weak, has collapsed lung

LONG BEACH, Calif. (Reuter). — Former President Richard Nixon is suffering from a collapsed right lung, his doctors revealed here.

Physicians interviewed said the collapsed lung was not a serious condition in itself, but could be the forerunner of pneumonia.

Nixon was described as "terribly weak physically". In a medical bulletin released at Long Beach Memorial Hospital yesterday.

His former White House press aide, Ron Ziegler, said Nixon was "just too sick and too tired" to watch election returns on his bedside television set on Tuesday night. But he said Nixon had filled out an absentee ballot on Monday to cast his own vote in the election.



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Victory sweep by Democrats in Senate and House elections

WASHINGTON. — American voters showed their disgust over Watergate and rising inflation yesterday by giving Democrats a sweeping victory in congressional and state elections.

The results of the elections were:

● Senate — Democrats picked up five seats but were trailing in one they now hold, giving them a likely margin of 62 to 38 in the new Senate compared to their 58 to 42 lead in the current one.

● House — Democrats had picked up at least 43 seats from Republicans while losing five to Republican candidates. They had elected 281 House members and led in 12 other races, for a possible total of 293, 45 more than the current House in which they hold a 248 to 187 majority. The margin is the biggest since the 295-140 majority after the Lyndon B. Johnson landslide of 1964.

President Gerald Ford — indirectly acknowledging a stronger Democratic-controlled Congress could curb his policies — said from the confines of a gloom-ridden White House that the Democrats had an increased responsibility to join him in his fight against inflation.

The new Congress, which takes office next January, will be younger, more liberal and more assertive than before. The trend, if maintained, could put a Democrat in the White House in two years' time.

The Democratic Speaker of the House of Representatives, Carl Albert, said jubilantly: "This is not just a victory. It is a mandate from the people. The responsibility is ours as Democrats in Congress. We know the people want us to assert leadership."

Senate Democratic leader Mike Mansfield of Montana said he would meet President Ford to assure him the Democrats will be ready, willing and able to cooperate with the administration in confronting inflation.

Republican National Chairman, Mary Louise Smith, said yesterday that the backlash from Watergate was the strongest factor in party losses.

"We had hoped that the effect of Watergate could not be as serious as it has turned out to be," she said. "But there obviously was a backlash, a backlash strong enough to cut into our vote totals all across the country."

The turnout apparently was less than 40 per cent of the nation's 145 million voting age citizens and, contrary to political tradition, this worked to the advantage of Democrats.

The victors included some new national Democratic stars, potential candidates for national office: Gov.-elect Hugh L. Carey of New York and Senators-elect John Glenn of Ohio and Dale Bumpers of Arkansas.

The losers included a half-dozen Republicans who had been among the loudest and longest defenders of former President Richard M. Nixon — four members of the House Judiciary Committee who stood by Nixon during last summer's hearings and Reps. Dan H. Kuykendall of Tennessee and Earl F. Landgrebe of Indiana.

As expected, the Democrats captured Senate seats in Florida, Kentucky, Colorado and North Dakota.

Former Florida Secretary of State Richard Stone, a moderate Democrat, defeated conservative Republican businessman Jack Eckerl for the seat of Republican Sen. Edward J. Gurney, under indictment for bribery, conspiracy and perjury.

In Kentucky, Democratic Gov. Wendell Ford scored heavily in rural areas and held his own in Louisville to unseat freshman Republican Sen. Marlow W. Cook.

In Colorado, Gary Hart, the 36-year-old 1972 campaign manager for Democratic presidential nominee George S. McGovern, swamped two-term Republican Sen. Peter H. Dominick.

In Vermont, a 34-year-old Democrat, Patrick Leahy, surprised Republican Rep. Richard Mallary in the race to succeed retiring Sen. George D. Aiken. He became the first Democrat ever elected to the Senate from that once rock-ribbed Republican state.

In North Dakota, former Gov. William L. Guy narrowly defeated veteran Republican Sen. Milton Young. In Oklahoma, former Rep. Ed Edmondson was closing in on front-running Republican Sen. Henry Bellmon. In Nevada, Democrat Harry Reid led Republican Paul Laxalt.

Elsewhere, the incumbents generally won. The two biggest names among the Democratic senators, George McGovern of South Dakota and Birch Bayh of Indiana, captured third terms.

In Alaska, Democratic Sen. Mike Gravel, a liberal known mainly for his public reading of a top secret history of U.S. involvement in Vietnam, won a second term by defeating C.R. Lewis.

In New York, Sen. Jacob Javits received less than 50 per cent of the vote but won re-election to a fourth term, defeating Democrat Ramsey Clark, a former U.S. attorney general.

A fourth Senate term was won by Sen. Barry Goldwater, the Republican party's 1964 presidential candidate.

Glenn, who a decade ago became the first man to orbit the earth, and Bumpers, easily won the Ohio and Arkansas Senate seats now held by Democrats Howard Metzenbaum and J. W. Fulbright, their victims in bitter primary battles last May.

And in Utah, Republican Mayor Jake Garn of Salt Lake City defeated Democratic Rep. Wayne Owens, a member of the House Judiciary Committee, for the seat of retiring Republican Wallace Bennett. Other new senators included Rep. John Culver in Iowa and former Atty. Gen. Robert Morgan of North Carolina, both Democrats.

In the House, the biggest name casualties were on the House Judiciary Committee — four Republicans who had defended Nixon, Reps. Charles W. Sandman Jr. and Joseph J. Maraziti of New Jersey; David W. Dennis of Indiana; Wiley Mayne of Iowa, and a fifth who voted against the former President, Freshman Harold Froehlich of Wisconsin.

In Ford's home district in Grand Rapids, Michigan, which he represented for a quarter century before Nixon picked him for the vice-presidency, Democratic Rep. Richard Vanderveen won again despite Ford's visit last week.

Republican losses came in clusters — five in Indiana, four in New Jersey, four in New York, two in Wisconsin and two in Virginia, including suburban Washington Rep. Joel Broyhill, a 22-year-veteran. On the Democratic side, there were single losses in Florida, Louisiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania and South Dakota.

But in Arkansas, Rep. Wilbur D. Mills, D-Ark., the embattled chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, was easily re-elected over Republican Judy Petty, despite the adverse publicity of last month's incident in which police stopped his speeding car, found the congressman intoxicated and a former stripper jumped out and into Washington's Tidal Basin.

(Reuter, AP, UPI)



The Turkish pirate crew pose with customs officials in Istanbul on board their freighter. (AP radiophoto)

'Pirates' recapture their own ship

ISTANBUL (UPI). — Turkish authorities yesterday began investigating a recent case of piracy in which a Turkish crew recaptured their freighter which had been confiscated by the French for carrying narcotics.

The crew of the 499-ton Divan Bakirli, renamed Nico Primo after it was sold to an Italian shipowner, grabbed the ship in Tripoli. They had been planning their move for a year, tracking the vessel to its ports of call. They boarded by posing as seamen looking for jobs.

Renzi Divan, the former Turkish captain, told authorities here he and his men overpowered the Italian crew with weapons. They put the Italians off the freighter in a lifeboat near Greece.

After the freighter arrived here on Monday with an 800-ton cargo from Libya, the police put the seamen under custody on board the ship.

Head of Alliance France-Israel

Sauvagnargues visit proved only that French policy won't change

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — Senator Andre Monteil, President of the Alliance France-Israel, said here this week that French Foreign Minister Jean Sauvagnargues's visit had demonstrated that Israel could not expect even minimal changes in France's Middle East policy.

In an interview with *The Jerusalem Post*, M. Monteil, formerly Secretary of State for the Navy and chairman of the Senate's Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, declared: "M. Sauvagnargues's journey was necessary in so far as the absence of contacts at government level showed a partial attitude by France. The priority was to put an end to the diplomatic embargo against Israel. If France had failed to do this she would have made herself "suspect in international diplomacy."

M. Monteil continued: "But the Foreign Minister's visit has been useless in helping progress towards peace because neither side has changed its standpoint a jot."

The President of the Alliance France-Israel said it had been worthwhile for Israel to have a first-hand account of President Giscard d'Estaing's views on the Middle East. He added: "Alas, Israel cannot alter French policy and it was a good thing for Israel to be aware of this."

M. Monteil, who has presided over the Alliance since 1971 after the death of his predecessor General Pierre Koenig, dismissed the French Government argument that its Middle East policy was not dictated by mercantile interests and primarily by a desire to safeguard its supplies of oil. He said: "I believe exactly the opposite."

Asked to define France's Middle East policy, he replied: "The problem of oil supplies and of the balance of payments are capital for France. But I do not believe they can be solved by over-bidding, by bilateral negotiations and by a policy of weakness towards the Arabs.

"This policy has not provided us with a barrel more or saved us one centime less. France can offer the Arabs neither financial guarantees nor economic stability in order to attract their petro-dollars and obtain preferential treatment from them.

"The oil dollars are being invested in the United States which appears to be Israel's last supporter. That's where the money is going, not to France in spite of M. Sauvagnargues's hand-shake with Yasser Arafat."

Turning to the Palestinian problem, M. Monteil recalled that, he shared the view of many Israelis that the Palestinian Arabs were entitled to a degree of political identity.

But he added: "The Palestinian problem, as argued by the Palestinian Liberation Organization and other bodies, aims not at creating this Palestinian identity but at destroying a state which already exists and which is a member of the international community — Israel.

"The leaders of the so-called Palestinian resistance, including those who are considered as more moderate, have always claimed that their rights cover the entire territory of the former British Mandate and consequently involve the disappearance of the Jewish State. This is inadmissible and intolerable."

M. Monteil went on: "That is why I denounce the policy of my government in recognizing as a partner by its vote at the U.N. an organization whose principle objective is to destroy an independent and sovereign state which France once called its friend and ally."

The President of the France-Israel Alliance said it was ambiguous for M. Sauvagnargues to support the establishment of a Palestinian state headed by Arafat and the PLO while upholding Israel's right to safe and recognized frontiers.

M. Monteil said: "Yasser Arafat is not a moderate and, if by some miracle he ever became one, he would immediately be swept away by worse extremists than himself. A Palestinian state in Cis-Jordania and Gaza under Arafat would be a dagger in the flank of Israel."

M. Monteil challenged the French Government's arguments that no frontier could safeguard Israel from attack. He explained: "I do not say that a border can give 100 per cent or even 80 per cent safety from attack. But some borders give a 100 per cent guarantee of defeat."

The President of the France-Israel Alliance said: "Israel would be crazy to surrender defensible frontiers for international guarantees." He added that even if an Arab state were established in Cis-Jordania, Israel should have a Jordan River frontier, an arrangement which he compared with the existence of the British base at Gibraltar on the Spanish mainland, and the U.S. base at Guantamara in Cuba.

Frenchman says Mirage inferior to U.S. planes

PARIS (UPI). — Former Air Force Chief Gen. Paul Stehlin yesterday charged that the French-built Mirage jet fighters were technologically vastly inferior in their contest with U.S. rivals for the "arms deal of the century."

In a confidential note sent to President Valery Giscard d'Estaing and a restricted number of prominent French and allied personalities which was made public yesterday, the 66-year-old ranking aviation expert said only political considerations — not technological factors — could help France with the sales contract for the delivery of some 350 warplanes to Nato European allies.

Stehlin, a prominent member of the majority reformist group and National Assembly vice-president, said there was no doubt that the General Dynamics YF-16 and Northrop's YF-17 Cobra were greatly superior to the Dassault Company's Mirage F-1.M-53.

Charging that the French aircraft industry was "the world's costliest" because of its alleged technologically retarded stage, Stehlin said in his note "if the buyers had to decide along technological lines, the choice would not be in doubt. The Y-16 and Y-17 are unquestionably superior to the Mirage F-1, as is borne out by the progress of the intensive flight tests to which these two aircraft are being subjected.

"But the problem has been politicized to the extreme and presented as a European solution against an American solution, rather than an Atlantic solution, the one most favourable for the Alliance."

Disclosure of the note immediately produced accusations in the French news media that the outspoken general, known for his pro-Atlantic Alliance feelings has dealt a major blow to the French aircraft industry in its no-holds-barred "dogfight of the century" with the Americans for the multi-billion dollar market.

At stake is the delivery of 350 more jet fighters to the Belgian, Dutch, Norwegian and Danish air forces to replace their ageing Lockheed F-104 Starfighters — a deal worth some $2,000m.

But aircraft industry experts say the winner of the contest is sure to win contracts up to 10 times as large or an overall bonanza of some $20,000m.

More Democratic governors too

WASHINGTON (AP). — Democrats ousted Republicans from the governorships of New York and California but apparently lost Ohio in a close race.

Democrats also won a half-dozen other governorships and were left in solid command of U.S. statehouses, giving them strong influence over the machinery for choosing the president in 1976.

California elected Democrat Edmund Brown Jr. after eight years of the conservative administration of Gov. Ronald Reagan. In New York, Nelson Rockefeller's handpicked successor, Malcolm Wilson, was beaten convincingly by the Democrat, Rep. Hugh Carey. Carey's victory ends 16 years of Republican control of the governorship under Rockefeller and Wilson.

In the only major Democratic loss of a Governorship, Ohio Gov. John Gilligan trailed former Gov. James Rhodes, the Republican, by a scant 13,406 votes out of more than 3 million cast, with unofficial returns virtually complete.



Ella Grasso meets newsmen after being elected Connecticut's first woman governor. (AP radiophoto)

Democrats took over Republican-held statehouses in Colorado, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Oregon, Tennessee and Wyoming, but the Republican candidate took the South Carolina statehouse for the first time in a century. The governorship of Alaska, now held by a Democrat, was in limbo with leads swinging back and forth as the tabulation wound to an end.

The Arizona statehouse turned Democratic for the first time in eight years. Raul Castro, 58, a former envoy to Bolivia, won in his second bid for the office.

George C. Wallace overwhelmed his Republican challenger in Alabama with an 85 per cent victory margin for an unprecedented third term. "I do have plans for 1976," he said after the results were clear.

The Democratic sweep led Ella Grasso into the Connecticut statehouse, the first woman ever to be elected a governor without following her husband into the office.

Giscard: Israel trip was useful

PARIS (Reuter). — French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing yesterday described the controversial visit to Israel last week of his Foreign Minister Jean Sauvagnargues as useful, and said it had taken place in an atmosphere of "dignity, serenity and frankness."

President Giscard d'Estaing made his comments on the visit during yesterday's Cabinet meeting, at which Sauvagnargues reported on his trip.

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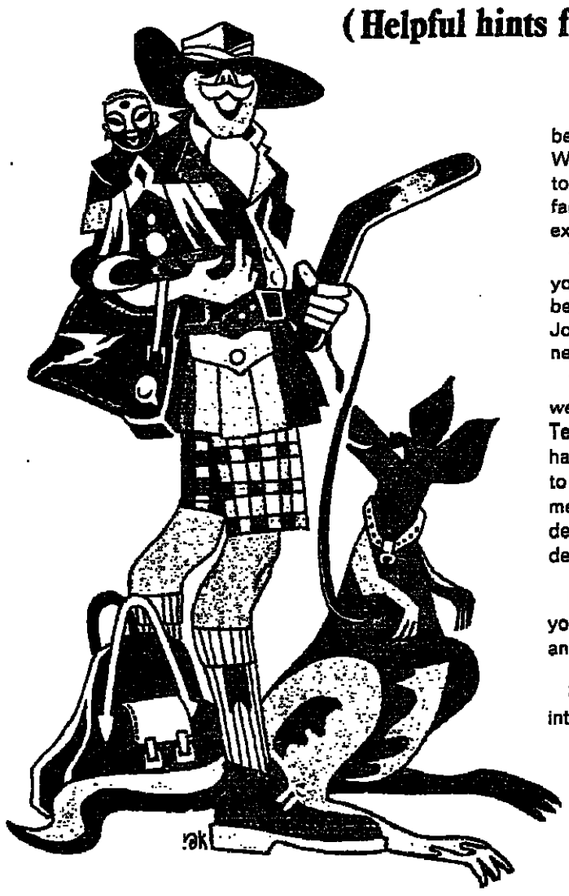
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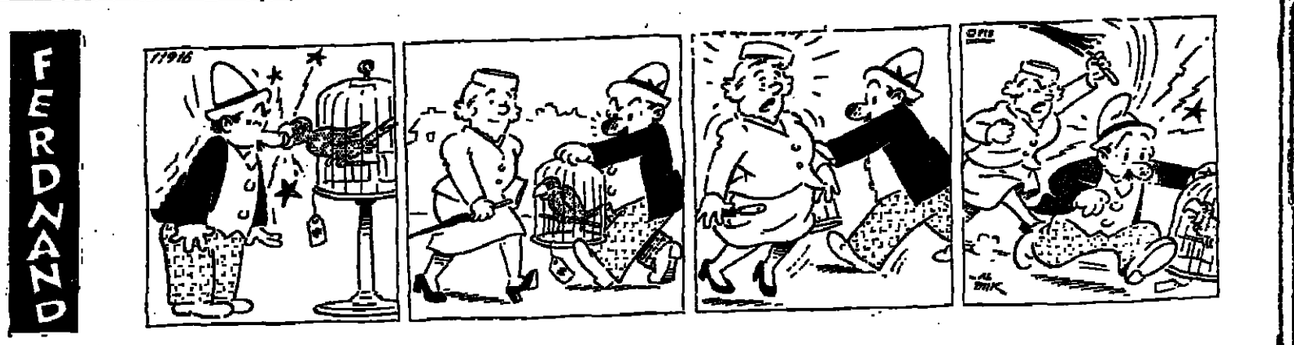
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Galei Zahal: News: 6.00 a.m., 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.00, 1.00 p.m., 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00 midnight, 1.00 a.m., 2.00, 3.00, 4.00 and 5.00. Newsreels: 8.05 a.m., 12.05 and 5.05 p.m. and 12.05 a.m.

FIRST PROGRAMME
284, 322 and 221 M.

7.58 a.m. Opening. 8.10 "Famous Artists." 9.05 "Opera Tunes". 10.05 Janina Falkowska, third prize-winner, Rubinstein Piano Competition. 11.00 News in easy Hebrew. 11.05 Ivrit La'am. 11.15 Programmes for Elementary Schools. 11.35 Song and Melody. 12.15 Programmes for Elementary Schools. 12.35 Bach: Suite No.3. for Solo Cello (Ralph Kirschbaum). 1.05 Midday Concert — *Schubert: Octet. 2.10 Mother* and Child. 3.05 "Radiodea" — Improving your Knowledge. 3.30 Literature. 3.50 Book Review.
4.10 A Moment of Hebrew. 4.11 (Stereo) Jer. Symph. Orch. — Recordings. 6.05 This Week in the Knesset. 6.30 On Work and Workers. 6.55 For the Farmer. 7.05 "Today."
7.25 Bible Reading: Shmuel I, chaps 15 and 16. 8.05 "This is Studio One." (Magazine). 9.00 "New Sounds" — (Stereo) Jean Paul Baumgartner: "Polyphonie I"; John Cage: Concerto for Prepared Piano; Gyorgy Ligeti: "Melodies." 10.05 Family Magazine. 11.05 "Beethoven's Love Letters." 12.10 *A Moment of Poetry.* 12.13 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
457, 423, 249, 353 and 349 M.

5.58 a.m. Opening. 6.00 Religious Service. 6.10 Exercises. 6.20 Musical Clock. 6.56 Programme Announcements. 6.59 A Moment of Hebrew. 7.05 *"This Morning."* 7.25 Hebrew Songs. 7.55 "Green Light." 8.10 Announcements. 8.15 Good Morning. 8.55 Names and Events in the headlines. 9.05 "Good Morning" (cont.) 10.55 "Here at Home." 11.40 "Where to go and light music." 12.05 "Programme for the Worker and the Employer." 12.30 Hebrew songs.
1.05 p.m. "At Midday." 2.10 Requests. 3.52 Names and Events in the Jewish Scene. 4.10 A Moment of Hebrew. 4.11 "Passport to Song." 4.30 S. Rosen's Quiz. 4.35 "Passport to Song." (cont.) 5.05 Youth Magazine. 6.05 Oriental Songs. 6.45 Today's sport. 6.55 Announcements. 9.05 "The Story of a File." 10.05 Songs and Stories from Portugal. 11.05 "Between Ourselves." 1.05 Close Down.

FIFTH PROGRAMME
445 M.

6.58 Opening. 7.00 News. 7.05 "Who is Afraid of Advanced Pop." 8.00 *News.* 8.05 "Who is Afraid of Advanced Pop" (cont.)

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR
457, 423, 256, 249, 355 and 340.5 M.

7.00 News in easy Hebrew. 7.15 Georgian. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Ladino. 8.15 Mograbi. 8.30 Rumanian. 8.45 Russian. 9.10 Close Down.

ENGLISH NEWS AND PROGRAMMES
7.00-7.15 a.m. (4th programme and short waves).
1.30-3.00 p.m. (4th programme and short waves);
6.00 p.m. (4th programme);
8.30-8.45 p.m. (4th programme);
10.00-10.55 (short waves)

FRENCH NEWS AND PROGRAMMES
7.15 a.m. (4th programme and short waves);
2.00-2.30 p.m. (4th programme and short waves);
6.05 p.m. (4th programme);
8.45-9.00 p.m. (4th programme);
12.00-1.00 a.m. (short waves).
4th Programme — 407, 445 and 282 M.
Short Waves — 16, 19, 25, 31, 33, 41 and 49 M.

GALEI ZAHAL
5.58 a.m. Morning Prayer. 6.05 Morning Tunes. 7.55 Programme Trailer. 8.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 9.05 Requests. 9.55 "Talk of Justice." 10.05 Warm and Tasty. 10.55 With Uri Sela. 11.05 Warm and Tasty. 11.55 "The Short Hassidic Story." 12.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 12.25 "Midday Star." 12.55 I Recommend." 1.05 p.m. Yaacov Orland's Songs. 2.05 "Two till Four." — with Shlomo Artzi. 4.05 Please Call. 5.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 5.40 Tunes for everybody. 5.55 Programme Trailer. 6.05 "Personal File." 7.05 Hebrew *Hit Parade. 9.05 "What Would Have Happened* Had Freud not Been a Psychiatrist?" 10.05 "Good Night from Jerusalem." 11.45 Livni's Talks. 12.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 12.30 *"Night Birds." 2.05 Light Music. 3.05-6.00* Tunes in the night.

ISRAEL TELEVISION SERVICE
5.30 News. 5.32 Circus. 5.40 "Daktari." 8.00 "Kolbotek." 8.30 Mabat. 9.00 Hawai 5-0. 9.50 "Cleaning the Head." 10.30 The Match of the Week. 10.55 News.
Educational: 8.15 Geometry 8. 9.25 Science/Physics 7. 10.00 Technology 9. 10.20 Maths 5. 10.45 For Kindergarteners. 11.25 Science 6. 12.00 Technical Drawing 10. 12.20 Science/Physics. 8. 12.40 Electricity 10. 1.00 French. 4.00 English. 4.13 Biology 9-10. 4.37 Film. 5.00 Youth Magazine.
Arabic: 6.30 News. 6.32 Cartoons. 6.45 "A Day in the Village." 7.30 News.

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Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Although both the Natad dollar and index-linked bonds rose yesterday, the rises were fairly moderate (compared to the last few days), and the centre of interest shifted to stocks which were more active with a strong tendency to rise.

The Natad dollar rose by four points to stand at IL5.15. The demand was for $685,000, and only $358,000 was met. Financial circles were at a loss to explain this renewed interest in the Natad dollar, since the "devaluation panic" seems to have eased up temporarily. (In Lilienblum Street, the black market dollar seemed to be continuing to mark time at IL5.30 — which is the dealers' price.)

Index-linked bonds rose by about one per cent on an average, and financial circles believe that index-bonds will level off now for a few days, although they might shoot up again when the new prices on many commodities proposed by the Government are announced.

The turnover in bonds was IL17,087,000, one of the largest figures ever reached, but still below that of the previous day.

As for stocks, the turnover was IL1,230,000. Of this, IL622,500 was in the variables.

Bank Leumi lost one to 213 (100,000); Industrial Development Preferred rose by seven to 71 (68,000); Arieh gained 6.5 to 278.5 (18,000); Electricity rose by 2.5 to 99 (83,000); Hadera gained three to 237 (28,000); and Discount Investment rose by 2.5 to 152.5 (65,000).

The general index rose yesterday by 0.46 per cent to stand at 244.47.

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DEBENTURES			
LINKED TO THE DOLLAR			
5% Dead Sea Junior	r	259	263
6% Electric Corp. A	r	180	182
6% Electric Corp. B	r	159.5	160
LINKED to the C.o.L. INDEX (Principal & Interest)			
Kitra 1965, Index 110.1	b	353	351.5
Bitahon 1968, Series 41	b	142	142
Bitahon 1969, Series 41	b	106	106.5
COMMERCIAL BANKS & BANKHOLDING COMPANIES			
Otsar Hityashvut	r	186.5	186.5
I.D.B. pref.	r	278	278
I.D.B. Bankholding	r	182	182
Union Bank	r	271.5	271.5
Discount Bank "A"	r	406	408
United Mizrahi Bank	b	151	150
Bank Hapoalim—10%	b	270	270
Bank Leumi—"A"	r	213	214
MORTGAGE BANKS			
Gen. Mortgage Bank	b	226	227
Carmel Mortg. & Inv.	b	140.5	140.5
Dev. & Mortg. Bank	b	261	261
Housing Mortg. Bank	b	—	236
Tefahot 8%	b	204	203
Tefahot	b	201	196
SPECIALIZED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS			
Ind. & Dev. Bank 8%	r	71	87
Aryeh		278.5	278
Hassneh Insurance	b	218.5	220
Saher—"C"	b	229.5	233
COMMERCIAL SERVICES & UTILITIES			
Motor House	b	70.5	70
Delek C.	r	125	132.5
Cold Storage—IL10	r	143	143
Israel Electric Corp.	r	96.5	96.5
Lighterage & Supply	r	187.5	187.5
LAND, BUILDING DEVELOPMENT AND CITRUS			
Asorim	r	140	140
Africa Isr. IL10	r	229	229
Isr. Land Dev.	b	118	—

Solel Bonah—10%	b	115	115
Property & Build.	r	183	183
Isras	b	127.5	129
Mehadrin	r	155	157
I.C.P. Isr. Citrus	b	90	85
Anglo-Isr. Investor	b	172.5	172.5
Neot Aviv	r	74	73
Fri Or Ltd.	r	148.5	147.5
Rassco—8%	r	78	76
Rassco—O.	r	56	56.5
INDUSTRIAL			
Alliance—B	r	478	475
Elco—2.5	b	100	99
Electra—5	r	161	163
"Argaman"—8%	b	309	305
"Ata"—C	r	89	101
Dubek	b	330	334
Elect. Wire & Cable	b	144.5	154
Teva	b	1115	1130
Chem. & Phosphates	r	94	92.5
Lewin Epstein	b	57	57
Moller Textile	r	161	160.5
Phonecia—8%	b	71	71
Paper Mills	r	237	234
Assia "B"	r	166	166
Nechushtan	b	461	448.5
Shemen—8%	b	221	223
"Tast" Plywood	b	104	104
Elite (A)		122.5	122
INVESTMENT & HOLDING COMPANIES			
Elgar	b	71	73.5
Ellern	b	132	127.5
Israel Central Trade	r	156	156
Bank Hapoalim	b	231	231
Paz	b	84	83
Wolfson IL10	b	77	77
Ampa	r	100.5	100.5
Discount Bank	b	152.5	149
United Mizrahi	b	111.5	113
Bank Leumi	r	156	155.5
Piryon Investment	r	92.5	94
Hassuta-For. Trade	r	84	84
Export Bank	b	56.5	57
Clal Investment	r	190	189
Clal Industries	r	135	137
FUEL & OIL			
Naphta OTC	r	80.5	80.5
Lapidoth OTC	r	164	164

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WALL STREET

Closing Wednesday, Nov. 6, 1974

Profit taking cuts gains

NEW YORK (AP). — A late afternoon round of profit taking erased an early gain in the stock market yesterday in a very busy session.

In early trading gainers held a 5 to 1 lead over losers but this had shrunk to 2 to 1 by late afternoon on the New York Stock Exchange. Brokers attributed the market's advance at the outset of the day to a continued decline in interest rates and some favourable reaction among investors to the widespread Democratic victories in Tuesday's election.

The profit taking showed up most noticeably in the glamour sector.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks closed 5.63 lower at 669.12.

Alco Inc	19 3/4	Cont Oil	44 7/8	Int T & T	16 1/2	Revere Cop	7 3/4
Alcan Alu	21 3/8	Cont Tel	10 5/8	Interpublic	9	Reyn Ind	21 7/8
Allied Ch	9 1/4	Cont Data	16 1/8	John Man	15 3/8	Reyn Met	15 5/8
Allied Str	18	Corning	98 3/4	John Joh	87 3/8	Rockwell Int	19
Allis Chal	8 1/2	CPC Intl	31 1/4	Jon Lau	28 1/2	Rohm & Haas	42
Alcoa	29 1/4	Crown Cork	17 3/4	Kais Alum	16	Royl D	28 3/4
Amax	26 1/4	Crwn Zell	24 1/8	Kenn Cop	30 5/8	Safeway	25 7/8
Am Airlin	7 3/4	Curtis wri	6 7/8	Koppers	21 1/4	Schering	67 1/4
Am Bdcst	15 7/8	Dan River	5 7/8	Libb O Fd	18 1/4	Scott Pap	13 3/4
Amer Can	26	Deere Co	42 3/4	Liggt My	28 1/4	Sears Roe	54
A Cyan	29 1/2	Dist Seag	32 1/8	Litton Ind	3 1/8	Shell Oil	58 5/8
A Home	37 3/4	Dow Chem	46 7/8	Lockheed	4	Singer Co	12 1/2
Amer Mot	4 3/8	Dress Ind	47 1/4	LTV Corp	3 3/4	Smithkline	46 5/8
A Smelt R	16 1/2	Dupont	107 1/4	Macy RH	13 1/8	Sony	4 3/4
Am Stand	9 1/4	East Airlins	4 7/8	Magnovox	7 1/8	South Ry	43 3/4
Amer T & T	47 1/4	E Kodak	72 1/4	Mfrs Han	29 7/8	Sperry Rnd	22 1/4
AMF Inc	10 7/8	Eaton	33 1/8	Marath	25 1/8	St Brands	51 3/4
Anaconda	17 1/8	El Paso NG	11 1/2	Marcor	15 1/2	St Oil Cal	34 1/2
ASA Ltd	29 1/8	ESB	—	Marsh Fd	17 1/4	St Oil Ind	37 1/4
Atl Rich	31 7/8	Esmark	29 3/4	Martin Mar	15 1/4	St Oil Oh	29 3/4
Avco	9 7/8	Exxon	58	Matsush	11 3/8	Sterl Drug	25
Bell How	19	Fair Cam	22 3/4	McDon D	19 1/8	Stu Wor	25 3/8
Bendix	21 1/4	Firestone	14 3/8	Merck	67 3/4	Sun Oil	41 3/4
Benguet	3 3/8	Fluor Cp	27 1/4	Merr Lynch	10 3/8	Teledyne	9 3/8
Beth Stl	25 3/4	Fd Fair	4 5/8	Miles Lab	16 5/8	Tenneco	22 3/8
Boeing Co	18 7/8	Ford Mot	33 1/4	Minn M'M	40	Texaco	22 3/8
Bois Cas	19 1/4	Gen Dynam	14 1/2	Mobil Oil	24 5/8	Texas Gulf	28 3/4
Borg War	15	Gen Elect	34 1/2	Monogm	6 1/8	Texas Instru	76
Braniff	6 3/4	G Fds Corp	19 7/8	Monsan	48 5/8	Textron	14 1/8
Brist My	40	Gen Mills	40 1/2	Moor McCor	27	Transwair	7 7/8
Brunswick	9	Gen Mot	36 3/4	Morgan J	56 1/4	TriCon	17 1/8
Burl Ind	17 3/4	Gn Tel El	19 3/8	Nabisco	25	TRW Inc	13 7/8
Burroughs	29 5/8	Gen Tire	17 7/8	Nat Distil	14 1/2	Twent Cent	8 3/8
Camp Sp	27 1/2	Genesco	4	Nat Cash R	17 1/4	UAL Inc	18 3/4
Cdn Pac	14	Ga Pac	29 1/2	Nat Indust	14 1/8	Unil Ltd	14 1/2
Castle Cke	13 5/8	Getty O	149 1/4	Norwest Air	16 3/8	Unil NV	27 1/2
Cater Tr	27	Gillette	28 5/8	Occ Pet C	11 3/8	Un Carbide	44 1/8
CBS	32 1/4	Goodric	20	Olin Corp	17 1/2	Uniroyal	6 3/4
Celanese	28 1/4	Goodyr	14 1/2	Otis Elev	26	Unit Aircraft	28
Cerro Cp	11 7/8	Grace & Co	25	Owen Ill	25 3/4	Unit Brands	3 3/8
Chase Manh	29 1/4	Grt A & P	8 7/8	Pac Gs El	20 1/4	US Indust	3 5/8
Chem NY	36	Greyhound	11 1/4	Panam W A	2 5/8	US Steel	40
Chessie Sys	53 3/8	Gulf Oil	17 3/4	Penn Centrl	1 1/2	US Tobac	14 1/2
Chrysler	9 7/8	Gulf Wn	23 1/4	Pepsi Co	46 1/4	War Lam	28 3/4
Citicorps	29 3/8	Heller Int	24	Pfizer	33 1/8	Wells Far	13 5/8
Cities Sve	46	Hew Pack	49 7/8	Phelps D	31 5/8	Wn Un	10 1/2
Coca-Cola	48 3/8	Honeywel	93 3/4	Phil Morr	46 1/2	Westg Elec	9 1/2
Colg Pal	25 1/8	House N G	25 7/8	Phil Petro	49 1/8	Weyerhs	29 5/8
Colin Gas	21	Howmet	11 3/4	Polaroid	29 1/4	Witco Chem	23
Colum Pict	9	IBM	184	Proct GM	48 3/8	Woolworth	10 7/8
Comsat	31	Int Harv	19 3/4	Qukr Oat	16 1/2	Xerox Co	67 3/8
Con Edis	6 7/8	Int Nickel	29 5/8	Ralston P	34	Zenith Rad	14
Cont Can	25 1/2	Int Paper	40 1/2	RCA	11 1/8		

Who cares about the energy problems?

By Moshe Ater
Jerusalem Post Economic Editor

HOW MUCH is the public in this country concerned with energy problems? The answer is: very little. *This is astonishing. While the rest* of the world — including the mighty US — is anxious about the oil crisis, Israel has stayed relatively unperturbed. For a few weeks a car-less day was observed, but then it was dropped. Fuel subsidies were abolished in line with some other budgetary cuts. Otherwise, business is proceeding more or less as before the Yom Kippur War.

Of course, the cost of our fuel imports has been swollen enormously by the rise in the crude oil price, but this is considered as part of the general advance of raw material prices, and the problem involved is expected to be solved with the rest of our foreign trade deficit.

BELT-TIGHTENING

It is high time that this attitude was changed. More attention should be given to the energy issue, primarily owing to its magnitude. The cost of energy is no longer an insignificant fraction of our GNP. It is now estimated at approximately $700m. a year, i.e. one-tenth of our aggregate foreign currency spending. Even a small reduction in our fuel bill would cut our daunting dollar deficit by a substantial amount. On the other hand, lavish use of energy involves waste of resources on a vast scale. If belt-tightening is to be taken in earnest, fuel conservation calls for a special effort.

The issue also deserves a special effort because if proper action is taken larger savings could be achieved here than in many other fields. Conservation of energy is now a must throughout the world, *and Israel may learn a lot from* the experience of other countries. Before the war, our fuel consumption was increasing by leaps and bounds; between 1967 and 1973 it almost trebled. However, the abolition of fuel subsidy a year ago brought this rise to a halt. We have thus saved tens of millions of dollars without greatly inconveniencing ourselves. This could be just a start, if experts are to be believed. Crude oil is still exempt from the 35 per cent surcharge levied on other imports. Fiscal charges now average only about 20 cent of the amounts paid by fuel users, compared to about 45 per cent in 1972. Our electricity rates are still held down for political reasons, and so waste of energy is encouraged in farms and factories, offices and private homes.

But price is only one aspect of the issue, which must be tackled from other angles. It is an open secret that car travel — and petrol consumption — have spread so rapidly because the cost involved is to a large part passed to the Treasury in the form of a tax-free travel allowance. Fuel oil (for generating electricity) could be saved by inducing people to reduce the use of current during the peak load hours. *Modern technology*, better insulation, and more stress on economy could produce tangible savings in water pumping, air-conditioning and industrial heating. Only now is a committee to be appointed for studying these possibilities.

Moreover, the energy problem is not confined to saving fuel. There are also many complicated questions concerning fuel supply and generation of power, and in these fields, too, the record has not been encouraging. There has been no concerted action for exploration and drilling of this country's oil reserves. Attempts to safeguard alternate supply sources of crude from abroad have been half-hearted, in spite of this issue's obvious importance. While talks with Egypt may be near, perhaps involving Israel's withdrawal from Abu Rhodeis, there is no plan for how the Sinai oil — which accounts for almost one-half of our total consumption — is to be replaced.

Lastly, there is an obvious need for better coordination of our policies concerning fuel and energy, and the big transport, storage and trading projects indirectly linked with it. One may doubt whether many people are aware of the magnitude of these projects, the size of the investments involved, and the risks we are running by operating them. Well over $300m. have been invested in the Eilat-Ashdod pipeline, its ancillary installations and tank farms, and in the tanker fleet of about 2m. dwt charging and discharging it. It is true that the pipeline has achieved its major purpose, that it strengthened Israel's position in the world oil market, and earned good profits.

However, one has also to bear in mind that the pipeline's competitive position has greatly deteriorated owing to the slump in sea freight rates, which are likely to go down again when the Suez Canal is reopened for oil tankers. Moreover, the pipeline's operation has been handicapped by the emergency use of part of its storage capacity, as a result of which it is now paying heavy demurrage to tankers unable to unload on schedule. Although the situation is expected to improve next year, when additional storage tanks, now under construction, will be completed, great efforts will have to be made in order to maintain the project's profitability.

The establishment of a special ministry to deal with matters concerning fuel and energy was suggested long ago. Since such a ministry would rank as a relatively junior one, it is unlikely to prevail against the strong vested interests it will have to face. But high up in our administration there should be a central desk for fuel and energy matters.

Technical trades are for girls too, Ort school principal is proving

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

"I KNOW A lot of Russian immigrants who are leaving. If I could get to talk to Pinhas Sapir, I would tell him that the Jewish Agency and the Ministry of Absorption should take a lesson from Ort. You don't have to invest a lot of money to absorb immigrants. What you do have to invest is heart and soul — to give people a chance and to accept them. They will return whatever you invest in them if they are given the opportunity to contribute their knowledge and skills to the country."

Dr. Berman, who arrived here from Russia three years ago, is now principal of Ort's two vocational high schools in Lod — a girls' school teaching fashion, home economics and clerical work—and a boys' school where pupils learn electronics and mechanics. The "good luck," it turns out, was mutual since Ort has gained a dynamic, energetic, resourceful principal.

"I tightened the discipline in the school because I think discipline is something we lack in Israel. There was some grumbling about it being *Communist discipline but I don't* think it is. I simply expect the pupils to come to school every day, and on time, and to do their work. Even the pupils themselves have begun to realize that this is in their own best interests. In fact in one class — and it is not one of our better classes—the girls told their teacher that they don't mind my strictness because they know I care about them."

BOOK-KEEPING

Dora Berman worked as a mechanical engineer for 20 years in the Soviet Union. But shortly after her arrival in Israel, the employment representative at the Absorption Centre told her she would have to learn a trade — preferably bookkeeping. "I told him I had a trade and he laughed in my face and said mechanical engineering is no job for a woman... I don't know what would have happened to me here if I *hadn't met Mr. Harmatz of Ort. It* was a fantastic stroke of good luck."

One of Mrs. Berman's chief interests is to bring more girls into the "boys" school, into electronics and possibly even mechanics. One girl is about to graduate in electronics (she began her studies before Mrs. Berman came) and a few others are studying in the department. But Mrs. Berman is not satisfied with the small numbers. "The problem is that even in first grade girls are directed away from things like maths. By the time they get to high school, they are on a much lower level than the boys in science and mathematics — not because they are less intelligent or capable but simply because elementary school teachers perpetuate old-fashioned ideas about these being 'boys' subjects. We started special classes to bring the girls to a level where they can go into a field like electronics."

But Mrs. Berman faces even more basic problems in her schools. "Many of the students who come in as ninth graders are slovenly and neglected. Our aim is not only to teach them a trade but to bring *them to a point where they are just* like teen-agers from better areas. I think Ort is doing a lot to bridge the social gap."

Mechanical engineering is no job for a woman, Dora Berman was told when she arrived in Israel from the Soviet Union, where she had worked in the trade for 20 years. Now in charge of two Ort vocational high schools, Dr. Berman is convincing girls they can succeed in "boys'" subjects such as electronics and mechanics.

No matter what we discussed, Mrs. Berman always returned to her warm praise of Ort. "Even in the Absorption Centre, the immigrants said that the one place they were received well was Ort. I don't know how a man like Mr. Harmatz, director-general of an organization as large as Ort, found hours to sit and talk to me when I didn't know Hebrew and could only communicate with him with great difficulty in Yiddish. Before going to Ort, I had gone to many employers. Government-controlled firms wouldn't even talk to me. Some private employers were willing to give me a chance after I proved I knew what I was talking about but I was afraid a job with a private firm wouldn't be secure. My husband is disabled and can't work and we have a 13-year-old son. I mention all of this because I want to say that Mr. Harmatz was the first person who really accepted me and didn't need proof and persuasion."

After taking a course in technical Hebrew through Ort, Mrs. Berman worked at the Ort Junior College in Givatayim and then took over the Lod schools. A little over a month after she took on her new responsibilities, the Yom Kippur War broke out. Mr. Harmatz was asked to arrange for pupils to work as volunteers at Shmuel Harofe Hospital where prisoners of war were being cared for. Though Mrs. Berman's school was near-by, he hesitated to call on her, knowing she had her hands full running the school with the male teachers and instructors in the army. Finally when he saw he had no choice, he called her and she rose to the challenge with her usual efficiency and enthusiasm.

The very same day, her home economics department began sending cooks to the hospital kitchen and boys went to work in the hospital laundry. Other pupils worked in factories, at the airport and wherever else they were needed. Meanwhile, Mrs. Berman insisted that studies continue. "In our workshop, we had work to do for the army industries. Since the teachers were in the army, I worked with the students and I did the parts of the work which were too advanced and exacting for them. I think that helped convince some of the girls that they can learn technical trades."

During and after the war, the home economics department prepared, and personally presented, foodstuffs (from cakes to felafel) to wounded soldiers at Tel Hashomer Hospital.

I asked Mrs. Berman if she had considered leaving Israel when she had been advised to become a bookkeeper. "No. First of all, I had been fighting to come here since 1952. I knew that the only place for me was Israel. Secondly, even if I wanted to leave, my son now belongs here."

Haifa sets up borough c'ttees to reduce gap from Town Hall

By YA'ACOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Ninety-six neighbourhood committees are being established, each representing a population of up to 2,500, in a move to narrow the communications ga between the citizens of Haifa and the Municipality.

This was announced on Tuesday by Mayor Yosef Almogi, who said the committees will keep in touch with the City through a liaison officer, Sgan-Aluf (Res.) Yosef Allon. Each committee will consist of 12 persons, all volunteers, and will be headed by a man and a woman.

One of the initial tasks confronting the committees, the mayor said, will be the recruitment of volunteers for the Civil Guard, of which Haifa now has over 3,000.

He said that a list of the committees will be published in a fortnight in order that any citizen may see them in the evening hours once a week about problems involving the Municipality. He pointed out, however, that there is nothing to prevent the citizen from personally going to the Municipality. He said that every other Wednesday, beginning November 13, from 5 to 7 p.m., he will talk to residents after they had arranged the appointment.

Mayor Almogi explained that if the neighbourhood committee programme is successful, members will be elected by their own neighbourhoods. At present, the selection is by a public council, on which all political parties are represented.

With regard to other civic matters, Mayor Almogi said the Municipality obtained credit for its operations only from banks and public financial institutions, not from any individuals.

He regretted that few road building contractors lived in Haifa and that work on constructing important traffic arteries was too slow. He said the trans-Carmel south-north road was first delayed at the planning stage, then by financing problems and now by the contractor.

Cancelling contract was not justified

The Supreme Court, by majority decision, allowed an appeal against a decision of the Tel Aviv District Court delivered on February 4, 1974 (in Motion 7027/73).

The appellants bought half a plot of land from the respondents for IL60,000. They paid IL52,200 of this sum but failed to pay the remaining IL7,800 on the grounds that a sum of IL13,600 was payable to the municipal council on the whole property before the transaction could be registered and that the respondents were liable for half of this sum. The respondents denied that they were liable for the money and gave the appellants additional time in which to complete payment of the residue of the purchase price. When the appellants failed to meet this new deadline, the respondents informed them that they were cancelling the transaction and would return to them the money they had already paid in.

The appellants thereupon applied to the Tel Aviv District Court for an order of specific performance of the sale. Their application was rejected, the District Court holding that the appellants had broken the agreement by failing to pay the residue of the purchase price and that the respondents had, therefore, been entitled to cancel it.

In the appeal against this decision to the Supreme Court, Mr. E. Malchi appeared for the appellants and Mr. S. King for the respondents.

Judgment

Justice Kahn, who delivered the majority opinion of the Supreme Court, Justice Berinson concurring, held at the outset that in accordance with the facts of the case the appellants had not been entitled to hold back the IL7,800 in order to cover the respondents' share of the taxes payable to the municipal council and had, therefore, committed a breach of contract.

The question at issue was, therefore, he noted, whether this breach of contract on the part of the appellants had entitled the respondents to cancel it.

Justice Kahn then went on to consider this question with reference to local and English precedents, holding that the relevant rule of contract applicable to it is that even if it be not expressly stated in a contract that failure to pay the purchase price, or part thereof, *constitutes a breach which goes to the* root of the contract and entitles the opposite party to cancel it, nevertheless a breach of contract of this nature would entitle the seller to cancel the contract if it were obvious from the conduct of the purchaser that he has no intention of fulfilling his part of the transaction. If this rule, he continued, is applied to the case under consideration, it will be seen that the respondents were *not entitled to cancel the con*tract. For the evidence shows that the purchasers had every intention and desire to see the fulfilment of the contract, the fact that they had paid a large part of the purchase price for the land providing a clear indication that they had no intention whatsoever of withdrawing from the transaction. In short, he said, it is clear from the circumstances of the case that the purchasers had acted in the sincere, if mistaken, belief that they were entitled to withhold the remaining IL7,800 payable on the transaction in order to use this sum to pay the seller's share of the taxes owing to the municipal council on the property as a whole. This error, he held, did not afford a cause for cancelling the contract when it was clear that the purchasers wished to see it executed and had no intention of withdrawing from it.

Turing next to the question of whether the appellants were entitled to specific performance of the contract, Justice Kahn noted that the rule is that the party asking for specific performance of a contract must show that he is prepared to fulfil all those conditions which were expressly defined in the contract, or unambiguously implied, as being "principal and vital," and also that it is only just to grant him the order he seeks.

In the case under consideration, he continued, failure to make any of the payments due from the purchasers was not made a condition which goes to the root of the contract, and in the circumstances of the case it would appear just to grant the purchasers specific performance of the contract on condition they compensated the sellers for their failure to pay the residue of the purchase price in time.

The appeal should, therefore, be allowed, concluded Justice Kahn, and the respondents ordered to pay the municipal council their share of the taxes owing on the property and transfer the property to the appellants, on condition that the latter pay them the residue of IL7,800, plus 20 per cent interest, plus costs of IL3,000.

Justice Many

In his minority opinion, Justice Many held that that the appellants' obstinate and unjustifiable refusal to pay the residue of the purchase price, even after they had been granted an extension of time, undoubtedly constituted, in his mind, an absolute breach, which goes to the root of the contract—justifying the cancellation of the contract on the part of the respondents. He thought, therefore, that the appeal should be dismissed.

Appeal allowed by majority decision.

Judgment given on September 27, 1974.

In the Supreme Court sitting as Court of Civil Appeals

Before Justices Berinson, Many and Kahn.

Miriam Feffer & Others, Appellants, v. Yechiel Gadol & Others, Respondents (C.A. 139/74).

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TOUGH GOING AHEAD FOR PRESIDENT FORD

WATERGATE, INFLATION, unemployment and perhaps a general disenchantment with incumbent politicians all combined to give the Democrats a stunning, though expected, victory in Tuesday's mid-term elections in the United States.

Democratic spukesmen immediately jumped on their victory as a sign of things to come in 1976, and within a few weeks the party's potential contenders for the Presidential nomination will undoubtedly begin to test the wind.

While gains for the opposition party are common in U.S. mid-term elections, the extent of the Democrats' advance exceeded such statistical regularity. The Republicans will now have much rebuilding to do.

The elections results are a blow to President Ford, especially since, in defiance of some of his advisers, he put his personal prestige on the line by going out to campaign on behalf of his party colleagues knowing that this was not going to be a Republican year.

With the Democrats dominating the House, Senate and the Congressional committees, Mr. Ford will find it difficult to put his imprint on a legislative programme that could regain lost ground for his party.

Moreover the Democrats will also begin to press upon him more firmly in the formulation of economic policy and even foreign policy, especially since they will have their eyes on 1976.

Yet despite the massive Democratic victory it would be wrong to conclude that the Republican Party has been dealt a knock-out blow or that the American public expressed opposition to Mr. Ford personally. America's political parties are coalitions of too loose a nature to be subject to defeats from which they cannot bounce back, and elections are always characterized by a strong local and personal, rather than national, focus. The same dynamic holds true for Mr. Ford's position. All the polls show that while his popularity has dropped from his first euphoric days in the White House, he still enjoys broad public support.

But the question for him will be whether in the face of the Democratic surge his party will want to go into 1976 with an incumbent President. And it is this question that may well colour the next two years of his Administration's performance, both in domestic and foreign affairs.

Dry Bones



ISRAEL PRESS

Knesset debate on Rabat

At the conclusion of Tuesday night's political debate, the Knesset — both coalition and opposition — resolved that Israel rejects absolutely the resolutions of the Rabat conference and will not conduct any negotiations with the terrorist organizations.

DAVAR (Histadrut) notes: "The Israeli government has not abandoned the principle of progress in stages towards the achievement of peace settlements, concurrent with a gradual defusion of the local points of tension. In other words, Israel is prepared to persist in the same political line it pursued even before the Rabat conference." This, the paper says, reflects wise and flexible statesmanship by the Prime Minister. On the other hand it lambasts the Likud, remarking that its statements yesterday implied that it is not prepared for any concessions whatsoever in Judea and Samaria, not even for peace. The paper concludes that there is no basis for establishing a broader government, since such a government would be transformed into a mere debating club.

HA'ARETZ (independent) says the prospects of finding a political solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict have been drastically reduced. "Hopefully, a determined stand by Israel against any negotiations with the PLO, as was expressed in the Prime Minister's address, will eventually also cause the Arab states to have second thoughts. On the other hand, before we can again approach peace initiatives and a political solution, we may be faced by a further military trial."

AL HAMISHMAR (Mapam) insists that, notwithstanding Rabat, Israel persist in the course embarked upon at the Geneva conference: "Despite everything, interim settlements seem to provide the only real prospect of arriving at any agreement whatsoever." Rejecting as unfounded the Likud criticism that the Rabat conference attests to a collapse of the government's policy, the paper charges: "By negating the prospect of reaching any settlement with the Arab states and by disregarding the existence of the Palestinian issue, the only possibility the Likud leaves open is that of another war."

MA'ARIV (independent), discussing the outcome of the U.S. elections, says the result might well be a change in America's foreign policy, and this will be of importance to Israel. "Perhaps the administration will now be prevented from bringing strong pressure to bear on Israel," the paper comments.

YEDIOT AHARONOT (independent) says that the election results serve as "a twofold punishment for President Ford — first, he is punished by America as a whole for Nixon's sins; and second, by the Jews, who have now penalized him for Dr. Kissinger's two-faced policy in our region by returning to their 'first love,' the Democrats."

National Insurance Institute
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Members of the family or the guardian of a mentally retarded person aged 19-23 may apply to a branch of the National Insurance Institute, in order to submit a claim for a disability benefit.
It will be helpful to attach to the application medical documents, the results of psychological tests and social-welfare reports.
After April 1, 1975, claims may be submitted in respect of older retarded persons.
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READERS' LETTERS

The Tibor Rosenbaum I knew

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — After reading many articles written by people who do not know Dr. Tibor Rosenbaum as I do I feel it my duty to tell your readers of my own experience with him.

I first met Tibor Rosenbaum during the years of the Holocaust in 1944 when we were together in a work battalion in Hungary. At that time we were in our twenties and very depressed. Our parents had been taken to Auschwitz.

At this low ebb, Tibor rose to the occasion and very soon organized among us a group of the Hungarian Bnei Akiba, all of whom survived thanks to Tibor's activities. Under Tibor's leadership, we frequently disappeared from the guard's eyes and did the one thing that prevented our captors from being able to break our spirit: listening to Tibor's lectures on Zionism and the Teachings of our Sages, including Kant, Hegel, etc. He insisted that we form a communal storehouse of food, clothing and other personal effects for our group's benefit. We were often assigned to the same work detail. At those times, I became much closer to this young rabbi and I came to know his courage, wisdom, unlimited energy and warm Jewish heart for his unfortunate brethren. Sometimes when his spirits were low, he would express his feelings and emotions in poetry which was an inspiration to me.

When we moved to the centre of the country, Tibor Rosenbaum soon made contact with the headquarters of the Zionist Organization in Budapest. On one occasion, a messenger visited him and gave him Aryan identification papers which I hid. After that, all his efforts were directed at finding a way to escape from the camp. We noticed a small opening in the fence and one night, he woke me up and asked me to accompany him to that part of the fence to rehearse his escape. He wanted to be sure that he would reach the top by climbing on my shoulders. A few days later he asked me for one of the identification papers and I knew that he had decided to go. According to those papers, he became ISTVAN LUKACS and under this name, he carried out many brave deeds in Budapest. He later arranged to transfer our group safely to the famous underground centre, the Glass House on Vadasz Street in Budapest.

A.Y. ASCALON

Bnei Brak, October 27.

Using Arab wealth for food

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Today the world anticipates food shortages that could kill millions. Yet the nations of the earth arm themselves as never before with the most costly and sophisticated weapons.

I was impressed last year with my visit to Israel, because I could see that, with water, even desert areas could produce an abundance of food. The Middle East was known at one time as the Fertile Crescent, and one can well appreciate this when one sees the results of the earth being correctly husbanded. If the vast amount of wealth that the Arab nations possess was used for this end instead of for the purpose of arming themselves to the teeth against Israel, the area could no doubt become a vast storehouse of food for mankind.

The great number of people who will die in the next few years due to food shortages, will be the result of man's lack of concern for the resources of the good earth. The many things that the Israelis have accomplished by hard work and resourcefulness with a land sadly neglected for centuries, prove what can be done on a much wider scale.

NEVILLE JOHN NOLAN.

Torquay, England, October 21.

Speaking for the American College

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I must protest in the strongest terms against Judy Siegel's article, "American College Drops Out of Current Academic Year" (October 28). Dr. Norman Greenwald has no authority whatever to speak in a public forum on behalf of the American College, inasmuch as he has been enjoined by the court. The tragic circumstances surrounding the closure of the college stem in no small part from his refusal to accept the decision of the Board of Directors when it removed him from office on July 29 of this year. The College has been in temporary receivership since July 30.

Regarding the factual nature of some of Dr. Greenwald's statements as quoted in the above-mentioned article, I should point out that, as Director of Admissions during the 1972-73 academic year, I do not recall that student enrollment at any time reached the figures mentioned. Moreover, to the best of my knowledge, and in contradiction to Dr. Greenwald's remarks, the present campus facility has been unoccupied since the end of August.

As to the suggestion that the college may again reopen its doors "in the spring or next September," this is dependent entirely upon a clarification of the present legal situation.

KENT G. TAYLOR
Acting President, American College in Jerusalem

Jerusalem, October 28.

Ju-jitsu for girls

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In view of the recent rape and murder of a young girl, I would suggest that all girls should be taught ju-jitsu — preferably at the age of 14 to 16. This would enable them to defend themselves most effectively against would-be assailants.

Mrs. D. KAFTANY

Haifa, October 31.

Saving lives

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — For the successful transplantation of kidneys, says Dr. Braf, speed is of the essence: a healthy organ should be removed — if possible — within one hour of death (October 30).

This prompts me to ask if the Ministry of the Interior would be willing to amend all new identity cards to include two more items:

(a) the willingness of the bearer, in case of a fatal accident, to donate his kidneys or any other organ for transplantation, and

(b) the blood-group of the bearer.

I feel sure that, with these two vital pieces of information available and without the time-consuming need to search for a deceased's next-of-kin, many lives could be saved.

MARION LUPU

Haifa, October 30.

Guarding Israel's good name

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I remember reading in your correspondence column about the lack of dynamism and imagination in the work of the information services of the various Zionist federations and the Israeli Government agencies. Indeed, how does it come that, in a time when the Arabs kill schoolchildren, start a bloody war, blackmail all the industrial countries, bring all the poor countries to the brink of financial disaster and amass immense riches, they can still pose as the desperate underdog and can freely create for Israel the image of the villain?

Allowing for other contributory factors to this result (for instance rationalisation of deep-seated anti-Semitism), I believe that all those whose prime responsibility it is to keep up and guard the good name of Israel are failing miserably. In Europe practically everybody believes that the Israelis chased out millions of Arabs and only the initiated know the real facts and that the Israelis actually accepted and absorbed into their society more penniless Jews from Arab countries than Arabs left Israel.

I am now in Israel for the tenth time and have been for years a member of the British Federation of Zionists, but I found out and had to find out the real facts about Israel on the basis of personal "research." The books or brochures containing the crucial facts always reach only the same, very small circle of people and no effort is made to widen this circle by organizational or other means.

Hundreds of thousands of visitors come to this country every year, but how many of them take home the knowledge of the most essential facts? Very few indeed. For instance, why are the visitors not presented (at the airport or other places of arrival) with a booklet or leaflet containing the basic facts about Israel and the refugee problem out of which the Arabs managed to make so much political capital?

As I see it, what is required is more imagination, more will to action and less complacency.

P. LAX

Haifa (Bromley, Kent), October 27

Why *etrog* sales have fallen

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In his article, "Good *etrog* season" (September 27), Aaron Sittner quotes a vendor as wondering why sales are down from last year. Perhaps I can help to explain why.

A year ago, I sent my family abroad a *lulav* and *etrog* as a gift for Sukkot. Due to the Canadian customs law concerning the import of citrus, the *etrog* was inspected, packaged and sealed in Israel. I could not, therefore, examine the fruit, but I did pay extra for what was supposed to be the superior quality.

My family asked me not to send them an *etrog* again, since the one they received was so small and puny. They preferred to do their own choosing in a Canadian shop where they could see what they were getting.

And so I've joined the 20 per cent fewer Israelis who did not send an *etrog* away this year.

FAIGEL ROSENFELD

Haifa, September 29.

VIEWPOINT — DAVID KRIVINE

Oversized and underpopulated — the Arab Goliaths of Rabat

MOST ISRAELIS are ready to give up territories in return for a peace settlement. What irks them is the failure of the doves who stand on the sidelines to realize what a costly sacrifice this is going to be.

Listening to left-wing talk, one gets the impression that Israel is currently a widespread empire (the word "imperialist" is common parlance), and that the Arabs need this land. The truth is that even Greater Israel — including Sinai and Golan — compares in size with her Arab adversaries as Corsica compares with France.

It is the Arabs who are gorged with territory, not the Jews. If we take all-Palestine, omitting Sinai (that is, Israel plus West Bank plus Gaza plus Golan) the area comes to just over 10,000 square miles, less than half the size of Lake Michigan.

Listing the Arab countries that press for Israel's withdrawal, we find that Jordan is 3½ times larger than Israel-Palestine, Tunisia six times larger, Syria 6½ times larger, the Yemen Republic seven times larger, Muscat and Oman 7½ times larger, South Yemen ten times larger, Morocco 16 times larger, Egypt 35 times larger, Libya 52 times larger, Saudi Arabia 76 times larger, Algeria 84 times larger, and Sudan 89 times larger.

Some people may be under the impression that the Arab States are heavily populated and need sizeable areas for subsistence. Statistics (for 1970) indicate otherwise. The number of inhabitants per square mile in Libya is 2.75, Saudi Arabia 7, Muscat and Oman 7, and South Yemen 10. Algeria has 14 inhabitants per square mile, the Sudan 15, Iraq 51, Jordan 55, the Yemen Republic 66, Tunisia 75, Syria 80, Egypt 82, Morocco 86, and Kuwait 90.

The figure for Israel is 374 inhabitants per square mile (again, using 1970 figures).

Assuming that immigration continues to flow in and the number of inhabitants reaches 7m. persons by the turn of the century (including one million Arabs), population density in Israel will then be 873 persons per square mile.

Arguments have broken out already inside this country over the disposal of the piteously limited acreage available. Meir Zorea, chief of the Lands Administration, opposes point-blank the Minister of Housing's plan to take over 7,500 acres of agricultural land for housing during the next five years. Zorea points out that the country has only 1.4 dunams of farmland per head of the population as it is, and that is a minimum in his view. Yet it is only a matter of time before the 7,500 acres and much more is used up — to house the multitude of Jews who are waiting patiently in Russia for permission to immigrate to Israel.

That is why the Arabs devised the new "Palestinian" ethnicity. If they have territorial sovereignty over a continent bigger than all Europe, at least the Palestinians can be described as a land-lacking nationality. But then, where does this end? There is no reason why Arafat should not create a G.L.O. next — Galilean Liberation Organization. Many political innocents will be moved to tears by fervent Arab pleas for a return of their national home in Galilee (capital: Nazareth) as well. The Jewish State will, bit by bit, dwindle away to nothing.

Recognition of Palestinian, as against Arab, rights means acceptance of the following principle: that wherever Arabs dwell, the Arabs are sovereign. The population of the West Bank and Gaza together in 1970 was 965,000, or 0.88 per cent of the population of the Rabat powers. If we add another half-a-million Arabs in Israel, and one million Palestinians outside Palestine who might conceivably be induced to return if they had autonomy, that is still only 2.25 per cent of the Arab people.

The rest have sovereignty in more than a dozen independent Arab States. Today 80 per cent of the Jews live in countries that are not under Jewish sovereignty. Can one or two per cent of the Arabs live under a Jewish flag?

The answer, it should hastily be said, is no; and we accept that. Israel is prepared to waive a part of the national heritage in order to avoid any substantial concentration of Arabs having to live in a country where another ethnic group constitutes the majority.

Israel has therefore proclaimed herself as ready to negotiate a territorial compromise with Jordan. But creating a separate Palestinian State between Israel and Jordan would generate pressures that must build up into an explosion.

Assuming a maximum Israeli withdrawal (to the 1967 borders), the size of Arafat's State, including Gaza, would be 2,410 square miles. This is smaller than the Hebrides, smaller than the Canary Islands. The West Bank has no railway, and is separated from the Gaza coastline by Israeli territory.

For her part, Israel would find herself in a tactical trap. The "waist" between Haifa and Tel Aviv is eight miles wide, from frontier to sea. Every Israeli airfield would be within shooting distance of Arab guns.

If we wanted to avoid this suicidal propinquity and negotiate "secure and defensible borders," we would come up against the incapacity of Arafat to make any concessions whatever, because his own diminutive principality is a geographic farce even as it is, without considering any of the modifications that Israel would require.

There are Jews, and even Israelis who have long been clamouring for a surrender of what they consider to be ill-gotten gains and a return all the way to the 1967 borders. To refresh our memories and theirs, let us take another look at comparative figures:

	square miles
Israel (1967 borders)	8,017
Israel (present borders, excluding Sinai)	10,870
Jordan (without the West Bank)	35,468
Syria (without Golan)	70,784
Golan	444
Egypt	386,559
Gaza Strip	140
All the Arab Rabat powers together	4,562,340

Makes you think?

U.S. OVER THE (OIL) BARREL

By JOSEPH KRAFT

WASHINGTON. — HENRY KISSINGER'S latest trip abroad has turned distinctly sour. At every step of the way he has been drawn into diplomatic engagements potentially costly to the United States and its allies.

In the Middle East, Dr. Kissinger has been jollied into negotiations for a settlement between Israel and the Arab States which have as the price of success the legitimization of Israel's mortal enemy, the Palestine Liberation Organization. Since the Israelis will not accept that, the clear outlook is for a new round of fighting in the area.

In Russia, Dr. Kissinger agreed to a meeting between President Ford and Party Secretary Loenid Brezhnev to be held at the end of this month in Vladivostok. The meeting in that city, which is situated on land claimed by China and which symbolizes Russia's imperial drive in the Pacific, is bound to strain relations with America's two most important friends in the area — China and Japan.

In the Persian Gulf, Dr. Kissinger has virtually acknowledged that the United States will have to live with the oil price dictated by Saudi Arabia and Iran and the other members of the producers cartel. And in India, Dr. Kissinger accepted the principle that the nation can go nuclear without any serious resistance from Washington.

Two reasons appear to underline this sudden coming apart of American diplomacy. Secretary Kissinger, for one thing, is now for the first time negotiating from a position of weakness.

BANKRUPTCY

The oil price increase has become a salient feature of international power politics. It threatens starvation in some countries and bankruptcy in others. It confronts the United States, as the strongest power in the non-Communist world, with the spectre of an international economic collapse.

But Washington has so far not taken the steps necessary to reduce dependence on exported oil. There is no serious programme for cutting demand, nor for joint policies with other oil-consuming countries. The whole world sees that the United States is, literally, over the barrel.

Dr. Kissinger had no leverage to exert against the oil producers for a serious cut in price. Neither was he in a position to give the Indians the kind of help that would justify putting a hold on their nuclear effort. Above all, he had no way of constraining the Arab leaders to adopt a responsible attitude toward the PLO and its demand for a Palestinian State.

The Arabs perceived that the oil situation put them in the driver's seat. Thus an article in Egypt's semi-official newspaper "Al Ahram" said: "Any attempt to abort the Palestinian entity will have consequences in oil-rich Arab countries. America knows that its prestige as a big power is linked to its ability to guarantee the flow of Arab oil to the Western world."

A second consideration is Dr. Kissinger's approach to international problems. For all his talk about "strategic concepts," Dr. Kissinger is essentially a tactician. His *forte* — and in this he has no peer — is pulling together and then adjusting negotiating positions for the achievement of a pre-established diplomatic goal at minimum cost. His triumphs — the opening toward China, the settlement in Vietnam, the arms control agreement with Russia, and the ceasefire in the October War — all fit that prescription.

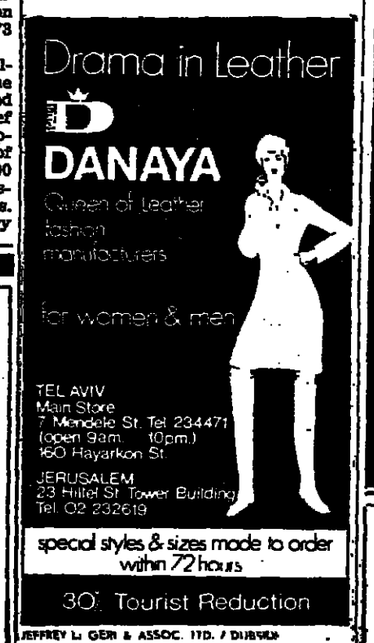
STRATEGIC SENSE

Whether Dr. Kissinger has a strong strategic sense is not clear. But in the past he didn't need one. President Nixon thought long and hard about foreign policy, worried — perhaps too much — about basic strengths and weaknesses. He repeatedly saved Dr. Kissinger from the occupational disease of the negotiator — the desire for a deal at any price.

With President Nixon gone, there is no higher-up point of strategic reference for checking Dr. Kissinger's moves. So for the sake of a summit meeting which President Ford doesn't really need, Dr. Kissinger blithely accepted the Vladivostok site without duly assessing the damage done to America's truly important connections with China and Japan.

Getting out of these difficulties is not now going to be easy. But the general line for avoiding trouble is not in doubt. President Ford's interest is to slow down the pace of Kissingerian diplomacy — perhaps even to the point of cancelling his trip to the Far East. For before plunging into the delicate international problems now confronting the United States, he needs to develop a fully coordinated position on strategic matters in general, and oil policy in particular.

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